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Controversial speaker to visit Hill

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Controversial author and professor of ethnic studies and coordinator of American Indian Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder Ward Churchill will participate in a panel to kick off the Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Society and Culture's spring lecture series.

The panel, titled "Limits of Dissent?" is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, and will also feature Georgia State University professor of law, Natsu Taylor Saito, and the John Stewart Kennedy Professor of Philosophy at Hamilton College, Richard Werner.

The panelists will address the public's responsibility to outwardly disagree with certain government actions.

"We're hoping to have a fruitful discussion of this question of what are the obligations of a citizen to object when the government is doing something illegal," said director of the Kirkland Project and Margaret Bundy Scott Professor of Comparative Literature, Nancy Rabinowitz. "What are the limits of the means that you can use to express your dissent?"

Churchill, an expert on indigenous issues and an outspoken Native American activist, has recently drawn criticism for asserting that the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, were justified.

In "Some People Push Back," Churchill asserts that the 9/11 terrorists "did not license themselves to 'target innocent civilians,'" but that those killed in the Pentagon "comprised military targets, pure and simple."

In the same piece, Churchill claims that, like those killed in the Pentagon, the World Trade Center (WTC) victims were not "innocent civilians."

"Well, really. Let's get a grip hear, shall we? True enough, they were civilians of a sort. But innocent? Gimme a break," he writes.

Churchill goes on to claim that those working in the WTC were "little Eichmanns," a reference to Adolph Eichmann, the conceiver of Hitler's "Final Solution," the Holocaust. Churchill writes that the people working in the WTC were aware of their role in the "mighty engine of profit," but chose to ignore it.

He concludes that "If there was a better, more effective, or in fact any other way of visiting some penalty befitting their participation upon the little Eichmanns inhabiting the sterile

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Churchill will be speaking on the Hill this February 3.

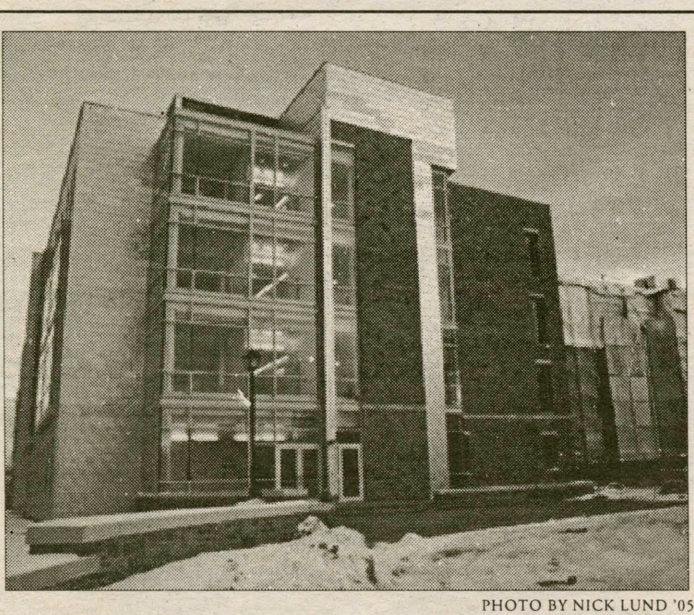

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

The construction of the new Science building constinues to be a work-in-progress this semester.

Frechette abruptly leaves Hamilton

by Kathleen McGrory '05
SENIOR EDITOR

Ann Frechette, Luce Junior Professor of Asian Studies and assistant professor of anthropology, resigned from Hamilton College days before the winter semester began. She was scheduled to teach three classes in the anthropology department, two of which have been cancelled.

Frechette confirmed that she had officially resigned from teaching at the College, but declined further comment. According to Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty David Paris, Frechette left because of personal reasons.

Frechette's spring courses included Anthropology 115, Anthropological Works and Lives; Anthropology 230, Chinese Gender, Kinship and the Family; and Anthropology 348, The Peoples of China. In her absence, Professor of Anthropology Bonnie Urciuoli will be teaching the introductory level course. The department has cancelled the other two classes.

According to Professor of Anthropology Doug Raybeck members of the department received "exceedingly short notice" of Frechette's decision: the professors were notified by department chairman, Professor Tom Jones, on the Sunday night before classes began.

"Had we known, we'd have been able to float some kind of

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SA confirms new members

by Whitney Kimmel '08
I&I EDITOR

The Student Assembly was called to order at 9:00 p.m. on January 14, 2004, as new president, Michael Blaise '07 and vice president, Ben Johnston '07 eagerly stepped into the former shoes of president and vice president, Elizabeth Dolan '05 and Jeff Long '05.

Johnston has expressed that both Blaise and he "are extremely honored to have this position." Blaise and Johnston have both made it clear that they have put a lot of thought into their plans for this semester and are looking forward to carrying them out.

They hope to open up better channels of communication between students and members of the Student Assembly so that student voices can be heard and their needs addressed. "Ben and I are opening up office hours for our positions," said Blaise.

He also expressed that he and Johnston are working with Assembly members themselves to improve communication through programs such as a discussion night where assembly representatives will circulate the dining halls and speak with students about specific relevant issues on campus.

After a warm welcome from Blaise and Johnston, new members of the Student Assembly were confirmed. Those confirmed included Robin Peck '07 as secretary and Dave Waldman '07 as treasurer, as well as the Junior Class President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two new Sophomore Class Representatives.

Waldman presented the Report of the Treasurer in which the class of 2008 re

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Dinner celebrates life of MLK

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Hamilton College community came together to honor fallen civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday, January 17. Coordinated by Interim Assistant Dean of Multicultural Affairs, Roxanne Bellamy-Campbell, the evening featured performances by the Doc Woods Jazz Quintet, the Hamilton College Gospel Choir and remarks by Hamilton College president Joan Hinde Stewart and Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs, David Paris.

The Celebration Dinner, held at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex, was emceed by Black Student Union (BSU) president Natasha Jenkins '07 and BSU vice-president Denroy Thomas '07. According to Jenkins, approximately 30 people attended the event.

"I was pleased with the turnout, but I hope that in com

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PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

President Stewart was one of the speakers at the dinner.

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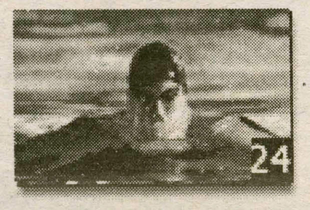

SASA holds first meeting of semester

by Jesse Walker '07
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton's SASA, Students Against Sexual Assault, organization began plans this week for another successful semester in their first meeting of the semester. Although only composed of six people, the group set lofty goals, working in close connection with the Womyn's Center and VOX, the Voices of Planned Parenthood.

Some larger scale events for the semester include a performance of The Vagina Monologues on Valentine's Day. This play, written by Eve Ensler, originally existed as a Broadway play, but Ensler allows a modified version to appear in colleges and universities around the country. VOX and the Womyn's center will work in close conjunction with SASA on this project.

SASA's leader, Lindsay Crusan '06, hopes to involve other members of the student body as well. "Fifty to sixty people usually take part in this process. We hope that fraternities and sororities around campus get involved as well," said Crusan.

Crusan also hopes more students partake in Take Back the Night, one of SASA's larger events held in April, which is Sexual Awareness Month. "Take Back the Night recognizes and honors people who speak out about their struggles with sexual assault and violence," explained Crusan. Proceeds from this endeavor will benefit the Utica YWCA, specifically in the area of rape crisis.

The group also arranged for Gloria Feldt, the President of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, to speak at Hamilton on February 2 during Reproductive Rights Awareness Week. This week of creating awareness will take place starting on January 31 and ending on February 5.

SASA has a multitude of other projects in the works as well. Smaller-scale projects include more intimate gatherings such as Speak Out, usually held in KJ's Red Pit or the Great Room. "Fifteen to twenty people will talk about how sexual assault has affected their lives," said Crusan. Other events include a week of flyers drawing attention to the problem of sexual assault on Hamilton's campus as well as the surrounding area. These flyers are posted in Beinecke as well as Martin's Way. Clothesline is yet another imporant project sponsored and

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Stewart speaks at MLK Dinner

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ing years more people will realize the importance of honoring Dr. King," she said.

Stewart's remarks honored King's legacy and his life's work. Honoring King, she stated, is a testament to the strides made in American race relations, although she noted "there is still much to be done."

"I think the remarks made by President Stewart were extremely eloquent and extremely thoughtful," Jenkins said.

During the dinner, various members of the Hamilton faculty joined students to facilitate discussions about King at small tables. Among the faculty participating were professors Russell Blackwood, Todd Franklin, Jenny Irons, Esther Kanipe, Larry Knop, Vincent Odamtten, Douglas Raybeck, Chad Williams, and Steven Wu.

"We were glad to see that we have the faculty's support," Jenkins said.

College Chaplain Jeff McArn and Renny Usbay '06 concluded the evening with a prayer for piece, followed by closing remarks by Paris.

Although Hamilton's spring term generally begins on Martin Luther King Day, a national holiday, the College traditionally holds an event to celebrate his life and work.

"It is important to keep his legacy alive at colleges across the nation in order to keep his dream alive," Jenkins said.

The College will also hold the 7th annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Community Service Day on Saturday, January 22, from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. According to an e-mail from acting dean of students Nancy Thompson, volunteers will have the opportunity to paint, clean, visit or help at various service sites in Utica.

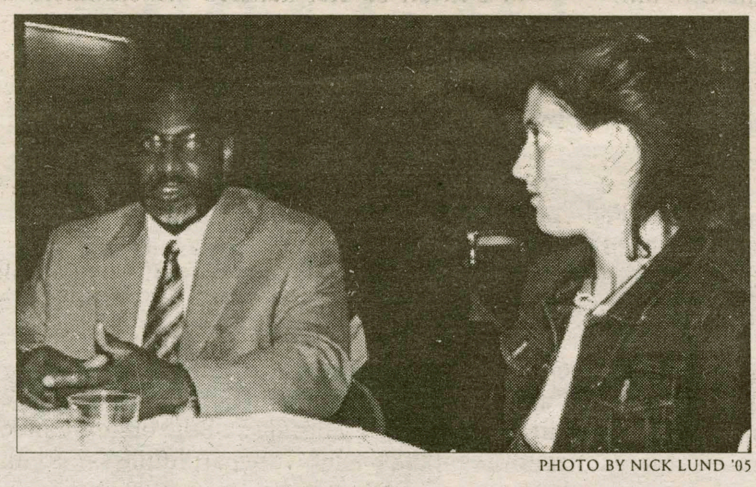

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Professor Odamtten converses with a student at the dinner this past Monday evening to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Martin Luther King, Jr.

LGBT to use survey to "take the temperature of the climate on campus towards LGBT students and employees"

by Emma Furman '07
NEWS EDITOR

Members of the LGBT Task Force have designed and sent out two different versions of a survey which will assess the attitude on campus toward those who identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered. One survey is designed for student use and the other for Hamilton employees; both were sent out through campus email towards the end of winter break.

According to Associate Dean of the Faculty and Associate Professor of Philosphy Kirk Pillow, who is also the chair of the LGBT Task Force, the survey is designed to "take the temperature of the climate on campus towards LGBT students and employees." He added that the data collected will be "used to make recommendations" for changes on campus to improve the climate and attitudes of students and employees.

Pillow also stressed that the survey is "designed for everyone to participate," and encouraged students to participate in the survey, which will be available and active until Monday, January 24.

"So far we've had about 250 employees...and close to 500 students" respond, said Pillow enthusiastically, adding that this was a high turn out but that he hoped more students would take the time to fill out the survey over the weekend. The survey can be accessed at the following url: http://my.hamilton.edu/college/its/survey/index.html?id=245.

Churchill brings controversy to campus

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sanctuary of the twin towers, I'd really be interested in hearing about it."

Rabinowitz admits that many members of the Hamilton community may not agree with Churchill's ideas.

"He has taken on a position which they may find problematic, and my feeling is that they don't have to agree with everything that a speaker says. As members of an institution of higher learning, we have to learn how to ask good questions—and not to take things out of context," she stated.

Other members of the faculty, however, are not so willing to accept Churchill and "ask good questions."

"The Kirkland Project and the College may try to spin this event as constructive dialogue. I think such an effort won't pass the laugh test on or off campus. It seems akin to inviting a representative of the KKK to speak and then asking a member of the NAACP to respond," said professor of government Theodore Eismeier.

Elihu Root Peace Fund Associate Professor of Women's Studies, Vivyan Adair, strongly disagrees with the viewpoint expressed by Eismeier, instead asserting that bringing speakers such as Churchill to Hamilton is a matter of academic freedom.

"He is presenting one viewpoint for consideration. Students listen carefully and respectfully to what he says and then we weigh that perspective and information against those of others to construct a more inclusive picture," she said. "To me as an educator, this is liberal arts education at its most powerful."

The College's official position is closer to Adair's.

According to Executive Director of Communications Michael Debraggio, "Hamilton, like any institution committed to the free exchange of ideas, brings to its campus people of diverse opinions, often controversial. To do otherwise would be to deny students the opportunity to encounter and respond to people from outside academia in their intensity and their immediacy, and thus fail to provide a liberal education."

Issues of free speech and academic diversity aside, Eismeier believes that speakers such as Churchill should not be brought to Hamilton.

"Of all the interesting speakers we might use tuition dollars to bring to campus, why choose one who spouts turgid anarchist jargon and silly, hateful rhetoric toward the victims of 9/11," he said.

Rabinowitz is adamant that the protection of academic diversity requires the presentation of a variety of viewpoints, and she hopes that members of the Hamilton community will come to the panel and evaluate the participants' ideas firsthand.

The Office of the President and College President, Joan Hinde Stewart, share this sentiment.

According to Executive Assistant to the President, Meredith Harper Bonham, "President Stewart believes that, as a liberal arts college, Hamilton should bring in speakers representing a wide and diverse range of views - some of which are likely to be controversial - in the spirit of dialogue and critical examination."

Noted first amendment lawyer, Henry Kaufman '67, supports Churchill's right to speak at Hamilton, as well as the community's right to protest his ideas.

"Under the first amendment it is necessary to defend Churchill's right to propound and express even ideas that deeply offend me. This higher virtue is in service of our country's liberating view of the nature of freedom of speech. The antidote to what we view as false and abhorrent ideas is more speech, not censorship," he said. "I would also defend the right of anyone to reject, speak out against, or even to protest ideas they find deeply offensive. I would hope, however, that any protest would be appropriately expressed in service of the open debate of ideas and not used as a guise to attempt to suppress speech by entirely excluding it or shouting it down. I believe that a liberal college campus, perhaps uniquely among institutions, should be protected and preserved as a civil forum for airing and addressing all ideas on an intellectual basis and not for using majoritarian power to define what are considered views too 'controversial' simply in order to use that majority power to suppress them."

According to Rabinowitz, Churchill first visited Hamilton several years ago to participate in a course on Hiroshima.

In addition to Churchill's contribution to the panel, Saito will present a section titled, "Criminializing Dissent: the USA Patriot Act - Extending COINTELPRO," and Werner will present a portion titled, "Pragmatic Pacifism and Civil Disobedience."

The panel is just the first of many events to be presented by the Kirkland Project this semester, including the Adler Conference: "Community at Hamilton" on February 11; "Global Intersections of Class/Race/Gender," to be presented on March 4 by panelists Tracy Lai and Elizabeth Martinez; and an Emerson Gallery exhibit titled, "The Music Stand: Jazz as a Unifying Social Force."

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Alex Sear '05

Harvard Chief Sorry for Remark on Women

BOSTON (AP) — Lawrence Summers' bluntness has earned him both enemies and admirers in several top Treasury Department jobs and now as president of Harvard.

He's rarely been one to apologize for his directness – until this week. Summers has spent much of the last few days saying sorry following a tumult over comments he made at a conference on women in science that he thought were off the record.

Summers insists his remarks about possible biological differences in scientific ability between men and women have been misrepresented - that he wasn't endorsing a position, just stating there is research that suggests such a difference may exist. But his words have sparked wide discussion on Harvard's campus and a string of angry calls and e-mails.

In a letter to the Harvard community posted late Wednesday on the university Web site, Summers wrote: "I deeply regret the impact of my comments and apologize for not having weighed them more carefully."

"I was wrong to have spoken in a way that was an unintended signal of discouragement to talented girls and women," he added in what was his third statement expressing contrition since the conference last Friday.

Summers, an economist by training, said in a telephone interview that he hopes he'll be able to participate in academic discussions in the future. "But particularly on sensitive topics, I will speak in much less spontaneous ways and in ways that are much more mindful of my position as president," he said.

Some academics think that's too bad. They say it's important for college presidents to be engaged in debating important issues, and worry this episode will discourage them.

UCLA Corpse Scandal Probe Accents Security

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -- An investigation into a corpse-selling scandal at UCLA has resulted in recommendations for new security measures that include implanting barcodes or radio-frequency identifiers in cadavers, officials said Wednesday.

UCLA suspended its willed-body program early last year after the director was arrested for dealing in stolen body parts. A body parts dealer who is not affiliated with the University of California system was also arrested. A third UCLA employee was fired.

Former Gov. George Deukmejian, who led a task force that investigated the case, told University of California regents Wednesday that the probe revealed a "clear lack of standards" in accounting for specimens, keeping records, and oversight.

Improvements laid out in a recent report from a private consultant include installing electronic locks and limiting access to cadavers, UC Vice President Michael Drake told the regents. Other safeguards include digital video cameras and duplicate record systems to create a system of checks and balances. Campus oversight also will be strengthened, he said.

"You and I know that you can never be sure that you can prevent all criminal activity," Drake told the Los Angeles Times. "But what we want to do is make it extremely difficult for the problems that have happened in the past to happen in the future. And we believe we have done that."

Regents indicated they want the proposals brought back to them for a formal vote.

Mike Arias, an attorney representing people who have sued UCLA over how it handled cadavers, remained skeptical about the changes.

"History tells us that you believe what somebody is going to do based on their past actions," he told the Times. "And if you've been bitten a couple times, you have to stay away from that dog."

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Jonathan Kuhl '06

U.S. Troops to Scale Back Tsunami Efforts

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) -- The U.S. military - the largest group helping tsunami survivors - will immediately start withdrawing troops from the relief efforts to feed and house more than 1 million refugees, the U.S. Pacific commander said Thursday.

Aid organizations responded to the announcement by Adm. Thomas Fargo by pledging to shoulder a greater share of the burden to aid tsunami survivors.

U.S. warships and helicopters "played a crucial role ... they're still playing that role," said Rob Holden, who heads a health assessment team. "What we're trying to do ... is civilianize the humanitarian operations because we're aware that we won't have military assets forever."

Speaking in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Fargo said the U.S. military "will start right now transferring functions to the appropriate host nations and international organizations."

Fargo noted that the humanitarian missions in Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and other countries affected by the Dec. 26 tsunami have moved from the "immediate relief phase ... toward rehabilitation and reconstruction."

The admiral suggested the withdrawal of the 15,000 American troops would be completed within 60 days, apparently meeting requests by Indonesian officials that foreign troops leave Aceh province on Sumatra island by the end of March.

Malaysian Defense Minister Najib Razak said Fargo told him the United States would scale down its Aceh relief operations by the end of February.

At a news conference, Fargo said the U.S. military would "respond to specific requests of host nations," adding that Washington "is committed to what clearly will be a long-term recovery effort."

About 1,000 Singaporean soldiers dispatched for relief efforts will begin pulling out Friday, a Singaporean military official said.

The withdrawal of foreign forces comes as the official death toll continues to climb. Almost four weeks after the disaster, reported deaths by government agencies in the affected countries range from nearly 158,000 to more than 221,000.

The U.S. Navy and Marines have delivered nearly 3.5 million pounds of aid supplies - about 150,000 pounds a day - since starting operations Jan. 1.

The U.N. World Food Program has distributed 5,600 tons of food to about 400,000 people in Aceh alone, said its Asia director, Tony Banbury. After visiting the obliterated coastal town of Meulaboh, Banbury said all tsunami survivors would be fed.

Ukraine's Yushchenko to Be Sworn in Sunday

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) -- Viktor Yushchenko will be sworn in Sunday as president of Ukraine, completing his "Orange Revolution" after weeks of political turmoil in which he defeated the Kremlin-backed candidate at the polls and survived a mysterious poisoning plot.

Lawmakers on Thursday hurriedly scheduled the inauguration in a decision that came hours after Yushchenko cleared the last of a series of legal obstacles that had arisen since the Dec. 26 election, including an appeal filed in the Supreme Court by loser Viktor Yanukovych.

Yanukovych, the former prime minister, had been supported by the Kremlin over Yushchenko, who aims to bring Ukraine closer to the European Union and NATO. But Russian President Vladimir Putin issued quick congratulations to Yushchenko, whose team said he would make a working visit to Moscow on Monday.

On state television, Yanukovych predicted Yushchenko would be unable to maintain good relations with Russia and he declared he would stay in politics to lead the opposition.

"I'll do everything I can to restore justice," he said. "The 'orange nightmare' will not last long."

NATIONAL NEWS

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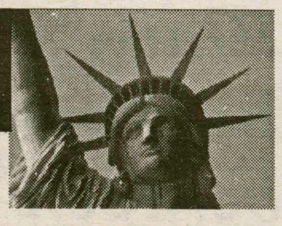

Hundreds Mark Inauguration With Protests

From a "jazz funeral for democracy" in New Orleans' French Quarter to a reading of the names of dead Americans and Iraqis in Kentucky, anti-Bush demonstrators staged scattered protests Thursday as the president was sworn in for a second term.

"We want to spend today reminding this country, this administration, that people are dying," said veteran Steve Morse, standing outside San Francisco City Hall by a poster that read, "To Party Big While Our Troops Die Is Obscene."

"We are celebrating the American right to dissent - the American patriotic right to dissent," said television producer Norman Lear, who spoke at a San Francisco luncheon held by the liberal advocacy group People for the American Way as an alternative to inaugural parties.

In Washington, about 500 people rallied in a park miles from the Capitol, where the inauguration took place. Protesters covered hundreds of cardboard boxes with black cloth and American flags to symbolize U.S. troops and others killed in Iraq. Signs read, "Worst President Ever" and "Four more years: God HELP America."

In Seattle, more than 1,000 people participated in walk-outs at the University of Washington and Seattle Central Community College, where students marched through buildings, pounding on doors and encouraging others to leave.

The demonstrators marched from the community college to a rally downtown, calling for "no work, no school, no business as usual."

Activists also took to the streets elsewhere in the state, including Bellingham, Spokane, and Olympia.

In Denver, several hundred demonstrators were joined at the state Capitol by a group of women wearing witches' hats who chanted "we've been under a spell" over and over. The crowd cheered when they added "But we are waking up."

FBI Adds 10 Names to List in Boston Threat

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The FBI on Thursday added the names of 10 Chinese to the list of those being sought for questioning about a possible terror plot targeting Boston.

Two law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation, said the names were part of the same anonymous tip that led authorities on Wednesday to announce that they are seeking to question four other Chinese and two Iraqis.

The officials said the tip remains uncorroborated and there is no credible evidence that such a plot exists.

It was unclear why all the names were not announced at the same time. The officials said there was no new information that led to the addition of the 10 names.

A third federal law enforcement official in Washington, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the tip was received Wednesday by the California Highway Patrol. The tipster claimed the four Chinese - two men and two women - entered the United States from Mexico and were awaiting a shipment of "nuclear oxide" that would follow them to Boston.

The official said the nuclear oxide could be a reference to material used to make a "dirty bomb" that would spew radiation over a wide area.

U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan of Boston said earlier Thursday that authorities had learned more background about the original four Chinese, but "it makes us no more alarmed this morning, this afternoon, than we were yesterday."

"They're not wanted at this point in time for any crimes because there's no evidence at this point in time that they've committed any crimes," Sullivan said. "We're not certain exactly where they are. We can't even say for certain that they're in the country."

Blaise and Johnston strive to improve lines of communication between students and SA members

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ceived $178.00 to host a party welcoming the new January admits. The Mock Trial Team was also granted $225.60 to sponsor transportation and admission fees for a Cornell tournament. The Ski and Snowboarding Guild will receive $2,450.00 to cover a charter bus for a weekend ski trip and the Samuel Kirkland Film Society will receive $7,112.00 for their film packet.

Reports by the student committees followed the Report of the Treasurer. The Food Committee raised $260 dollars for Hope House and plans on matching this sum to present the organization a total of $520 within the next few weeks. The Facilities Committee is lobbying for a paper-free McEwen, and hopes to curb campus damage by creating an incentive program that encourages students to maintain the campus.

In addition, President Stewart has announced that the school will be supplying additional clocks for Root, Cooper, List and the Kirner Johnson buildings. Finally, the Student Committee continues to work on keeping KJ open 24 hours a day.

However, in a trial period during exam week three chairs were displaced and thus KJ will not remain open at this time.

An update on the Adler Conference, to take place on February 11, was also presented. The Conference will strive to improve relations between students, faculty, and staff on campus. The agenda of the conference tentatively includes a lunch, and mixed groups where students, faculty, and staff will have the opportunity to meet and discuss topics and address issues in an encouraging and more colloquial environment. The conference will conclude with dinner and a brief speech. There will be a meeting January 26 at 4:00 p.m. to raise topics and ideas that could be discussed during the conference; all are encouraged to attend.

Before concluding, the Student Assembly members briefly discussed and encouraged each other to participate in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Day that will be held this Saturday, January 22, and the meeting was adjourned.

SASA to sponsor Take Back the Night again this year

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organized by SASA, which will display t-shirts hanging from the ceiling in Beinecke, with stories about sexual assault written on them.

Also, with help from VOX, SASA will host a safe sex panel called "Making safe sex sexy," in which they do just that. SASA and VOX, explain methods of birth control and protection from sexually transmitted diseases.

Despite all the efforts made by SASA to combat the problem of sexual assault at Hamilton, Crusan states that sexual assault is "still a strong problem with no end in sight." However, she feels that the strides made by SASA are not in vain. "The first step to fighting sexual assault is admitting that it happens," said Crusan. "It's also important to note that Campus Safety's statistics don't accurately reflect the number of cases at Hamilton College given the sensitive nature of the issue," explained Crusan. Despite these facts, SASA strives to keep their goals and expectations realistic, and not to be too naïve about the situation. Crusan recognizes that sexual assault is a "tough issue" for many people to face.

SASA looks back on last semester as a triumph as well, placing valuable information regarding sexual assault, such as contact numbers and guidance steps, in all of the dormitory bathrooms on campus. Also, SASA organized a candlelight vigil, bringing people together and addressing the issues surrounding sexual assault. Although in years past only a small collection of people attended, last semester a large number of people came out in force to the vigil.

For the six people involved in SASA, no victory proves too small, Crusan explained, "if we can help just one person, that makes all of this [hard work] worthwhile."

Frechette courses cancelled

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replacement," Raybeck said.

"Unfortunately, we were looking to fill two upper-level courses that both needed to be taught by a China-specialist. And no one here is really qualified to offer those classes."

If the department had more notice, Raybeck said, it would have attempted to find an outside professor or nearby graduate student to fill the course.

"We could have found an instructor in a month, or even two weeks. But we couldn't do it overnight." Raybeck described the short notice as unfortunate for both the department and the students enrolled in the classes.

Maddy Criden '07 was disappointed to learn that Frechette's classes had been cancelled. Criden, an anthropology minor, had registered to take Anthropology 230.

"I was really excited about taking the class," she said. "I had heard that Professor Frechette is a fun, energetic teacher, and I was looking forward to studying with her."

In addition to being disappointed, Criden said that she was frustrated by the experience; the sophomore didn't receive word of the cancellation until opening an email sent one and a half hours prior to the first scheduled class.

"I was lucky enough to get the e-mail," she said. "If I hadn't, chances are that I would have been sitting in the classroom."

Frechette had been teaching at the College since 2000 when she was hired for the highly competitive position of Luce Junior Professor of Asian Studies.

In addition to teaching on College Hill, Frechette graduated from Hamilton in 1990. But despite taking a number of classes with Raybeck, she concentrated in Comparative Literature. Frechette earned her Ph.D. from Harvard University.

After returning to her alma mater to teach, Raybeck said that students generally responded positively to Frechette's classes.

This past December, Frechette delivered a lecture entitled "Saving Chinese Girls: International Adoption, Charitable Assistance, and the Economics of China's Orphanages." The speaking engagement was part of the Hamilton Asia Forum series.

In addition, Frechette was recently honored by the Freeman Foundation with a grant to pursue research in Asian studies. The 2004 grant afforded Frechette $20,000 toward this end.

Come welcome the January Admits to Hamilton!

Welcoming Party in Bristol Hub

Friday, January 21

6:30 p.m.

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Questions: contact Danna Klein - dklein@hamilton.edu

The Spectator

"Older than the New York Times"

Embarking on his second term as President of the United States, George W. Bush was at the center of inauguration festivities totaling $40 million. While the President is certainly entitled to celebrate his victory, in light of recent events in Asia and the war in Iraq, the overly extravagant inaugural celebration radiates an image of insensitivity. In addition to this, the President has also chosen to accept corporate contributions of $250,000 in order to finance the celebration. In taking such large sums of money from corporations, the President is allowing himself to partake in the kind of practice that recent campaign finance reform legislation was created to curtail.

For sure, inauguration celebrations have become more and more extravagant in recent history - President Clinton spent a previous record of $33 million on his inauguration in 1993. In 1993, however, the United States was not engaged in a war with mounting casualties, and had not just witnessed one of the most deadly natural disasters in recent history. Indeed, instead of opting for a scaled back inauguration, the President has chosen to partake in the most expensive inauguration ever.

Regarding the price tag of the inauguration, there are two issues. The first is that the Bush administration has chosen to begin its second term by soliciting and taking $250,000 contributions from corporate donors such as Home Depot, Bank of America, Bristol-Myers Squibb and the Ford Motor Co., according to the *New York Times*. One can think of few more blatant conflicts of interest than when a politician accepts excessive sums of money from corporations.

The second issue regarding the inauguration's price tag is the fact that much of the financial burden is being unfairly placed on the city of Washington. According to the *New York Times*, "D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams estimated it will cost the district $17.3 million to help pay for the security at the first post-Sept. 11 inauguration, which includes 6,000 law officers and 2,500 military personal to guard the 250,000 people at the swearing in and the half-million expected to line the parade route." If the President insists on such a large celbration, he should not place such a significant degree of the burden on a city already stretched for resources. This is hardly fair to any city, especially one that voted 90% for the other presidential candidate.

Furthermore, in a time when many Americans struggle to afford such basic necessities as healthcare, it is absurd to be spending such vast amounts of money on any national celebration.

If this is the way the Bush administration has chosen to start its second term, one can only wonder what the next four years will bring.

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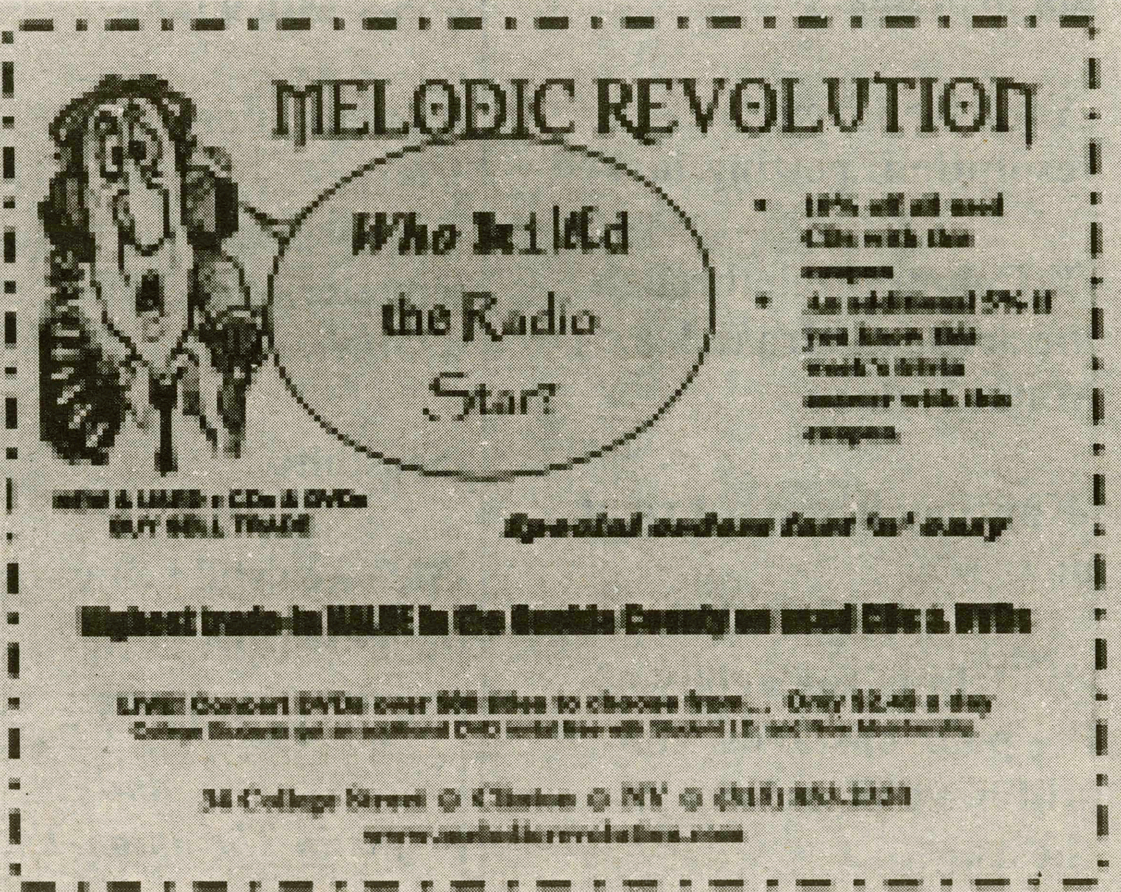

Independent columnists not so independent

by Britten Chase '05
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS EDITOR

The No Child Left Behind Act was one of the most revolutionary, daring, and greatest achievements by the Bush administration and the Department of Education.

Ever.

In the history of the universe. The greatest universe ever (now offering vacation specials to the Bahamas, "Where nostrils never freeze shut.")

Thanks for reading folks, that's all I have to say. If by chance you run into a man named Rod Paige, he'll be carrying a large check and looking for me. Tell him to meet me at the Pub.

Be sure to mention that the No Child Left Behind Act is awesome, and that I told you to say that.

OK, fine. It's all made up. Rod Paige is not here, I'm not in the Pub, and your nostrils will freeze and you will die if you attempt to venture out of your dorm in search of the Bahamas.

So don't even try it.

For those of you that are not total news geeks and don't get excited every time Newsweek is delivered (Wednesday, 2 PM), there is a crisis in journalism. Armstrong Williams, a syndicated columnist, TV show pundit and black conservative, was discovered to have accepted $241,000 from the Department of Education to discuss the policy and tout its benefits in his columns and on on television. This deal also required that Williams bring Rod Paige (Secretary of Education) onto his show or interview him in his columns about the benefit of No Child Left Behind to poor and lower middle class black families.

Now, I know that the broke college student within is saying to himself, "Self, I would do worse things for $241,000. Ever see Fear Factor?" Point taken. The controversy is that while Armstrong Williams may in fact support No Child Left Behind, he is supposed to be a nonaligned voice within the media.

People read his columns because they are looking for an opinion from someone who has looked into the issue, thought about it, maybe paced back and forth across the room, and then decided to tell people if this is good or bad for them.

They rely heavily on people like Williams (and Thomas Friedman, and Ann Coulter, and Dave Barry) because it is much easier to be told good and bad than it is to try and figure it out for oneself.

So. If the columnist is being paid by the government to express an opinion in the (government independent) press, then it's not really his opinion, it's what the government wants people to believe portrayed as an independently drawn conclusion. For those of us who speak the English language, we have a word for that, and it starts with a "P" and ends with a "ropoganda." But this seems not to be a problem for everyone. According to the January 14th USA Today editorial, the Department of Education felt that its contact with Williams was a "straightforward distribution of information about the department's mission and [the education law] a permissible use of taxpayer funds." **

In the words of everyone's favorite representative of our judicial system (Judge Judy), "Don't pee on my leg and tell me it's raining."

Personally, when this story broke, I was slightly distraught for several reasons. Partly because as a journalist (of sorts), this undermines all that I strive to give my readers (fans?) every week. We (me, Tom Brokaw, Peter Jennings, you know) work very hard to find the truth through all that the government tries to tell the people, through all the spin the analysts put on issues, and through all the embellishment of both right and left extremists. This incident is a black mark on the American press, and is yet another reason for the American people to not believe what they are hearing.

Also, like other journalists, I was kind of offended that no one offered me anything. I'm not a fan of No Child Left Behind, but I'm sure that if they asked I could find some good points. Do you realize that $241,000 comes out to 4,097,000 pieces of gum?

But yeah, it was a long shot. I have come to accept the fact that while I don't have much influence beyond, you know, Beinecke, I may still be able to get something out of this. If there are any causes out there on the Hill that want to be heard, I may be listening. And I'm a cheap date, all it really takes is Diner breakfast and I'm yours for the rest of the semester.

Just kidding. No one has offered me anything. I don't know if it's because they feel that my column is not worth it, or because they feel your opinions are not worth it. Either way, I promise you that this will remain the most ethical, most moral, highest quality column you will ever read.

Ever.

**USA Today guest editorial 1/14/05 (found on blackchronicle.com)

To be a kid again over break

by Liz Pinnie '08
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS WRITER

Break was awesome, no doubt. Time to drink non-spiked eggnog, play checkers with your grandparents, and eat cookies until you look like a very plump gingerbread chick. Despite its seriously PG rating, I found myself - gasp - sad to come back to the place where I can hear quarters dinging off of cups at 10 a.m. The second I got home, my mother, of course, had a list of things for me to do (I think it's all that pent-up parenting), and a babysitting job lined up (break? I'm sorry, I don't know that word). Luckily, it was babysitting my cousins, and not the kids down the street who now hate me because I lied to them (I didn't know they knew how to tell time when I told them that an hour had passed when really it was only fifteen minutes - duck duck goose was getting way old). Anyway, I went to play with the little girls and was so psyched when I found out that Sophie had gotten Swan Lake Barbie. She's, like, the coolest - she sings and has all this glittery stuff in her hair and her shoes are actual lace up ballet slippers. Whoa it was awesome...we went to a ball and she married Prince

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Thumbs Up	Thumbs Down	Who Cares?
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-X-Country trek through the arctic tundra (a.k.a. Minor Field)	-This semester: deja vu last semester plus -30 degree weather	- UGGs
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By Hilary King '05
and
Justin Thompson-Tucker '05

Learning how to have fun all over again

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Charming and then the ugly Barbie bitch-slapped Swan Lake to try to win Senor Plastic Hair back and then everyone danced.

As I sat on the floor creating totally cool dance moves for Prince Charming (do you know they now have bendable knees? It makes for great break dancing) I felt the big college kid totally slip away into hibernation and decided that this vacation I was going hard core old school fun and games all the way. No longer would I be the responsible, self-sufficient grown-up who pretends to like to discuss politics. No. I was home, and I was going to revel in being a kid. I had a prime opportunity the next day when I was making Jell-O Jigglers and getting down in my kitchen to Janet Jackson. As I rounded the corner in my slippy socks in a most graceful glide, I fell in a way I hadn't fallen since I learned to walk. It was a full out, no control over your body fall, and as I hit the ground, I did what any self-respecting kid would do - I cried out for my mom. Sure, I could have gotten up, dusted off, and done the dishes, but let me tell you folks, the kid method is way better. Not only did I get some major TLC, but my mom also helped me to finish making the Jigglers. Right on. That weekend we all piled in our car and headed out to Pittsburgh to visit my other cousins. What ensued was one of the best hide-and-go-seek games in the history of the world. Player count: 6 (a majority under 10 years). Grounds: Free run of the grandparent's house, including closets, not including attic and basement. Count: to at least 50 Mississippi. Seeker order: oldest to youngest. As soon as I sat in the corner and the boys checked to make sure there was no peeking, the game was on. With the cry of "ready or not here I come" the hunt began. Moving stealthily and keeping my eyes and ears peeled, I scavenged the house, picking up the first four in no time (there is no mercy in hide-and-go-seek).

Yet the last player stymied us for at least an hour...we checked, double checked, and even asked the adults for help - oh, the shame. For some time it was to no avail, until the curtain couldn't contain a giggle and the game was up (I've had many sleepless nights thinking about how I should have known it was that curtain! In my younger years I would have had him for sure. Practice. I must practice). It was the funnest (yes, funnest) Friday night I've had in a long time. The point of all this rambling? Stop always trying to be a grown up and embrace your inner kid. Put away Cosmo, stop complaining about eating a piece of chocolate, turn off AIM. This is a call to you boring almost-adults: Grab a sled, go outside, and have a snowball fight, damn it. And make sure to wipe your nose on your sleeve while you're at it.

A changed student returns home

by Melissa Kong '08
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS WRITER

I know I can't be the only one who feels like a somewhat different person when I go home. Every time I leave for break, I can't help but feel like I'm living two different lives. Whenever I go back, a part of me feels like I should be the same person I was 4 months ago; like that's the girl I really am, and my college life is just a mirage. Though I know that one of the best things about going away to college is having the chance to leave behind old, and often misinformed, stereotypes that people carry around at home, I also feel like I have to try and fit back into the mould I was in before I left for college. I think, to some degree, everyone who goes back home for the first time, and maybe even after the 9th or 10th time, feels like they led two somewhat different lives. How could anyone not feel that way?

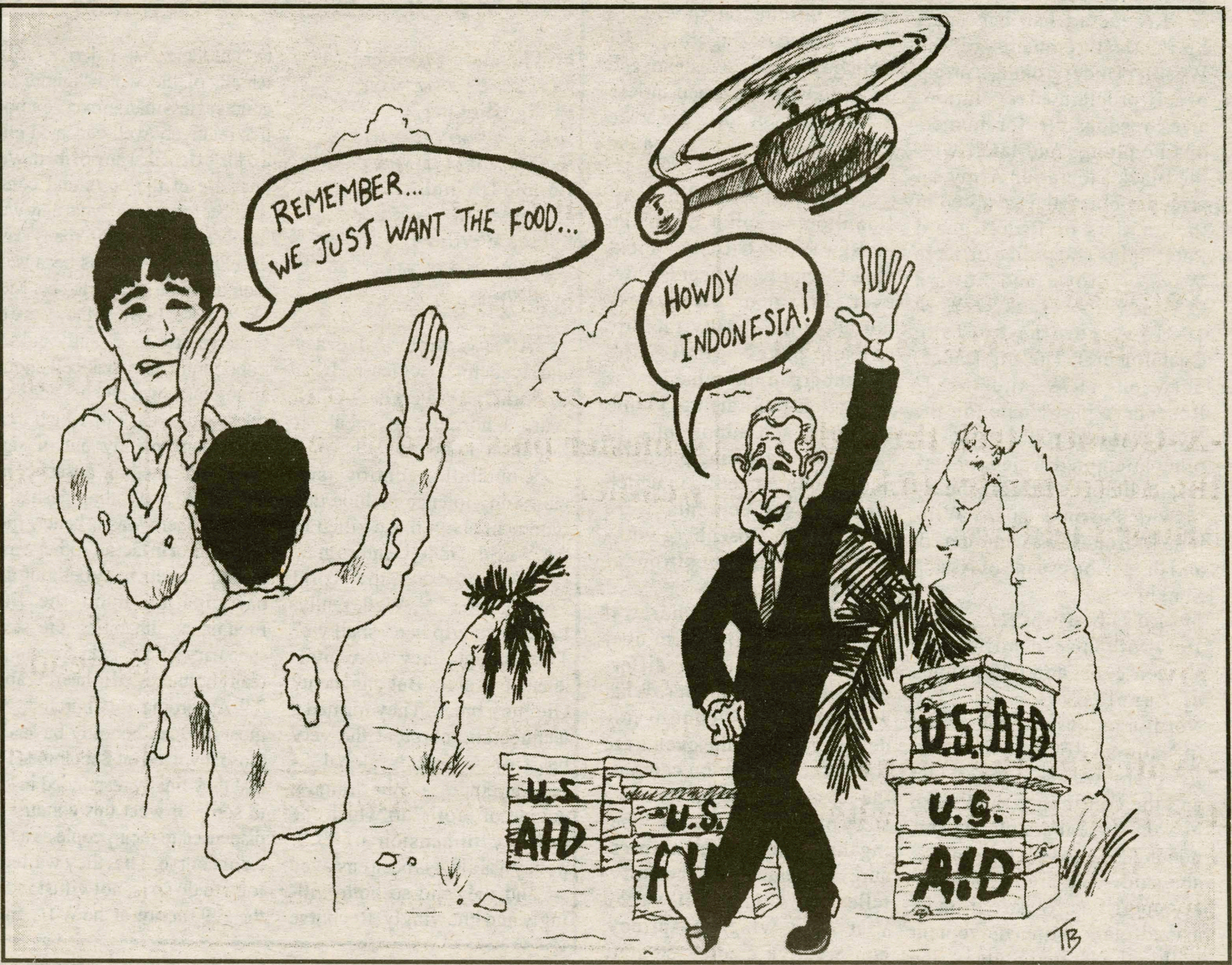
During our time in college, we grow in ways that people back home know nothing of. They remember us for who we were. Our coming back with a different perspective on many things tears down this perception they have of us. Since we often do not see the change in ourselves right away, how people back home perceive our transformation makes us wonder whether our change is a good or bad thing. "How am I different now? Why am I different now?"

Over break, I thought a lot about these questions, and a part of me thought my metamorphosis was a bad thing because of how the people around me responded to it after seeing me for the first time since I left. I found myself trying to refit into a mould that I grew out of 4 months ago. It was weird going back to the life that was once so comforting and certain, and having it now feel so different and unfamiliar. Was the girl at home really me? Or was I the girl at college? After a while, I realized that I wasn't two different people. I was someone who had an incredible experience - the chance to experience college life away from home - and was changed immensely by it. It transformed the way I looked at people, at myself, and how I felt about many different issues.

Yet I was still the girl that I used to be to all the people back home who didn't watch me everyday as college began to shape my outlook. It's hard to know what to say or how to act when you go home and see your old life through new eyes, while many of the people nearest and dearest to you see it through the same eyes they had before you left. A part of me wanted to revert back to the girl I once was - it would make things a lot easier for everyone back home. But then I'd really be lost. One thing I know for certain is that I'm not the girl I was when I left in August. And pretending to be? I would only be lying to myself and everyone else. I realized, even though many of us accept that change is always happening, and try to embrace change because we know we must in order to live sanely, I think we often fail to give people enough time to adjust to the ways in which we've grown. There will be many instances in our lives where we are required to deal with change, to embrace change, to understand change. But we must also realize that there will be people who don't accept it quite as easily. However long it takes, always remain proud of how you grow throughout life, hoping that you've made good transitions - once you love your change, people will learn to love it too. I am sure that I feel the way many do; the break was enjoyable, but I am happy to be back on the Hill, feeling like me again.

Drawing Criticism

by Tom Booth '06



Advocacy and academia

Professors speak out on the Rosenerg controversy

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Now that the dust has settled, Hamilton College must consider the lessons of the events of last fall. The story concerns the appointment of Susan Rosenberg to a position described in the catalogue as artist in residence and later described in campus announcements as artist and activist in residence. This appointment, which included teaching a half credit course, was arranged by the Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Society, and Culture, "a campus organization committed to intellectual inquiry and social justice, focusing on issues of race, class, gender and sexuality, and other facets of human diversity." Although the paperwork for the appointment and course went through the Dean of Faculty and the Committee on Academic Policy, Rosenberg's candidacy to teach was not vetted in the regular manner. Only after her residency had been formalized did the details of Rosenberg's career become known.

Rosenberg had been part of the last remnants of the Weather Underground, a group of self-proclaimed revolutionaries responsible for numerous bombings and later, with the Black Liberation Army, an armed robbery that resulted in the murders of Brinks guard Peter Paige and police officers Waverly Brown and Edward O'Grady in Nyack, NY in 1981. According to John Castellucci in The Big Dance, between 1979 and 1981, Rosenberg participated in the Nyack armed robbery, seven other attempted armed robberies, including a Bronx robbery in which Brinks guard William Moroney was murdered, and the prison escape of Assata Shakur.

Rosenberg was captured in 1984 with false identification, sixteen guns, and 640 pounds of explosives. As Jay Nordlinger described her trial in National Review, "with helicopters whirring overhead and the courthouse thick with guards, Rosenberg pleaded innocent. 'We are not criminals,' she said. 'We are revolutionary guerrillas. We are from an armed clandestine movement within the United States.' She wore an Arafat-style headdress and lectured the court about the Middle East, Central America, and other subjects. . . .When Rosenberg was convicted, she raised her fist in defiance and delivered yet more 'revolutionary' speeches. It was not she who had lost, she said, but the U.S. government, which had been exposed as an enemy of the people. She asked the court to give her the maximum sentence - the better for revolutionary ferment - and got it: 58 years, for weapons possession and conspiracy."

Rosenberg maintained her innocence of the Brinks robbery, charges for which were dropped after the sentence was imposed on the weapons conviction. After serving sixteen years in prison, during which time she earned an MA in writing, Rosenberg was released in January, 2001 when President Clinton issued a commutation of sentence.

The appointment of Rosenberg outraged the families of the victims of the Brinks robbery, police organizations, alumni, and many on campus. Choosing not to cancel a course that had fallen through the cracks into the curriculum, the College offered both an affirmative and procedural defense of its position. College statements described Rosenberg as "an award-winning writer, an activist, and teacher who offers a unique perspective," while emphasizing that "the College does not censor speech on campus in advance unless there is reason to believe the speaker's goal is to cause harm."

After the kickoff of Hamilton's capital campaign in New York City was picketed by police officers, however, President Stewart reported to the faculty the dire consequences that the Rosenberg appointment was having on fundraising, public relations, and admissions. In the wake of growing publicity and a faculty meeting in which strong disagreements were aired, Susan Rosenberg withdrew from the position at Hamilton.

Rosenberg's withdrawal calmed the public storm over her appointment, but differences remain on campus. What we learn from this controversy depends on how the events are framed. For some on campus, the Rosenberg fiasco will be a story of academic freedom being threatened by outside pressure. Depending on the storyteller, the villains will vary-a vast right wing conspiracy, conservative media, red state yahoos, alums who just don't understand academic freedom and the need for the academy to act as gadfly. But the message will be that freedom of speech is being put at risk by an outside world that does not appreciate the special duties and privileges of academia.

We disagree. Public outrage was sparked by horrific acts for which some remain unrepentant. David Gilbert, who is serving a 75 year sentence for the Brinks robbery/murder, has never acknowledged wrongdoing for what he regards as an "attempted expropriation." Indeed, the New York Times reported that at a 2004 party celebrating Gilbert's book, No Surrender: Selected Writings of an Anti-Imperialist Political Prisoner, neither Susan Rosenberg nor any other speaker mentioned the three people killed in the robbery. Rosenberg did offer this written praise of Gilbert's work: "This book stands alone in the growing number of books about the 1960s, the anti-Vietnam War Movement, and the Weather Underground Organization because of David's willingness to own it and analyze it. His discussion of our strengths and weaknesses, the role of armed struggle, the rise of terrorism, and the continued aggression of the U.S. government speak directly to the concerns of everyone working for justice anywhere."

Like the parade watchers in the story of the emperor's clothes, the public saw what many of us on campus did not. In the faculty's discussion of the issue, some colleagues reminded us of the McCarthy era, when people lost academic positions because of their political beliefs. The public understood that times have changed in academia. Susan Rosenberg was hired by the Kirkland Project for the position of artist and activist in residence in large part because she was a convicted terrorist. Can anyone imagine that Rosenberg would have been invited to teach here if she hadn't been a "political prisoner" but instead had done time for some ordinary crime like embezzlement? The public saw that a campus interest group was using Susan Rosenberg's notoriety to push the envelope of bringing advocacy into the classroom.

The lesson of recent events is that Hamilton needs to have a bright line between advocacy and education. We regret that, as soon as the College became aware of the details of the hire, the administration did not use its legal and moral authority to rescind the appointment and make clear that interest group advocacy is not the same as academic freedom.

Now that the horse has been stolen, the time has come to lock the barn door. The first step is to establish a formal policy, starting this spring's semester, precluding campus interest groups from arranging teaching appointments. The second step is to require faculty interest groups funded by the college to promote intellectual diversity within their programming. The third step is to examine more intensively the obligation of faculty to promote intellectual diversity, free expression, and civil debate in the classroom and consider ways to implement principles of reasoned and diverse discourse more effectively. Such steps will help Hamilton restore its good name and help the College achieve the goals of liberal education.

Post script

Deja vu all over again?

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After we wrote "Advocacy and Academia," we learned that the Kirkland Project has invited Ward Churchill to speak at Hamilton on February 3.

Churchill's controversial views on violence include this statement about those killed in the World Trade Center on 9/11: "As to those in the World Trade Center . . . Well, really. Let's get a grip here, shall we? True enough, they were civilians of a sort. But innocent? Gimme a break. They formed a technocratic corps at the very heart of America's global financial empire — the "mighty engine of profit" to which the military dimension of U.S. policy has always been enslaved — and they did so both willingly and knowingly. Recourse to "ignorance" — a derivative, after all, of the word "ignore" — counts as less than an excuse among this relatively well-educated elite. To the extent that any of them were unaware of the costs and consequences to others of what they were involved in — and in many cases excelling at — it was because of their absolute refusal to see. More likely, it was because they were too busy braying, incessantly and self-importantly, into their cell phones, arranging power lunches and stock transactions, each of which translated, conveniently out of sight, mind and smelling distance, into the starved and rotting flesh of infants. If there was a better, more effective, or in fact any other way of visiting some penalty befitting their participation upon the little Eichmanns inhabiting the sterile sanctuary of the twin towers, I'd really be interested in hearing about it." According to Churchill, "the most that can honestly be said of those involved on September 11 is that they finally responded in kind to some of what this country has dispensed to their people as a matter of course. That they waited so long to do so is, notwithstanding the 1993 action at the WTC, more than anything a testament to their patience and restraint."

Although we deplore these views, the Churchill case is different from the Rosenberg case. Rosenberg was hired to teach a course; Churchill is being paid to give a speech. Rosenberg was guilty of criminal behavior; Churchill is guilty only of offensive rhetoric. Armed with information, students, faculty, and staff can form their own judgments about Churchill's ideas and decide for themselves how to respond to his appearance.

Churchill's appearance does, however, raise more general issues. In her recent statement about the Rosenberg affair and Hamilton's policy on free speech, President Stewart argued that "we must otherwise provide a safe haven for free speech and thought; we must not become an isolated ivory tower where the ugly is suppressed and students are denied the opportunity to encounter and respond to people from the real world in their intensity and their immediacy."

Others, including noted

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Spectator letters to the editor

Editor,

I was extremely disappointed to read the mindless drivel recently published in your circular regarding "Tonight's Citrus Bowl" (Dec. 3) penned by Ms. Chase. This bit of obsequious clap-trap was nothing more than a reiteration of talking points from the administration and represented a larger capitulation of student spirit in general. The Citrus Bowl used to be one of Hamilton College's best traditions. A safe, non-violent, and exuberant display of hedonism that brought the college community together in an orgy of delicious fruit. To imply (as Ms. Ingalls does) that thrown oranges pose a threat to heavily padded players is an intellectually dishonest and disengenuous assertion. Surely the threat from a hip-check or slapshotted hockey puck is many-times more potentially injurious.

This attack on tradition has nothing to do with "safety" and everything to do with an aversion to fun of all kinds. I would urge all of your readers to repudiate this draconian nonsense, and stand up for their right to projectiles! Hamilton college will continue to drift toward social mediocrity until the student body stands up for themselves and refuses to be treated like boarding school charges. Reject administration memos passing as journalism! Reject the fun-police! And for god's sake thrown an orange if you are so inclined!!

Sincerely,
Tim Sapir '01

Asked to describe a person with black skin, most people would reflexively call him an African-American. But not all black Americans come from the African continent — many are Haitians and Jamaicans — and relatively few today actually grew up there. Race does not necessarily follow geography.

Additionally, many people native to Africa are white, like the settlers whose ancestors have been there for centuries, or brown, like the Arabtribes in the north.

Therefore, we should not interchange African-American (an American raised in Africa or who retains African customs or mores) with black (a person with black skin). Self-identity is important, but objectivity is imperative.

In fact, let's not even refer to people by their superficial and divisive skin color. Let's just identify people, of all colors, by their individual traits, by what Martin Luther King Jr. once called the "content of their character."

Jon Rick '05

Controversial speakers continue to head to Hamilton

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scholar Stanley Fish, worry about the prospect of academia becoming Speakers Corner in London's Hyde Park. "The university," he argues, "is primarily a place for teaching and research. The unfettered expression of ideas is a cornerstone of liberal democracy; it is a prime political value. It is not, however, an academic value, and if we come to regard it as our primary responsibility, we will default on the responsibilities assigned us and come to be what no one pays us to be — political agents."

Even if one accepts the principle of unfettered speech on campus, the devil is in the details. The issue is not whether the College should stop Ward Churchill or anyone else from getting on a soap box on Martin's Way. The issue is which speakers the College should use its scarce dollars from tuition, endowment income, and donations to pay to come to campus and how we make those choices.

Nor does the injunction to avoid suppressing ugliness get us very far in practice. The question is how far should we go in subsidizing ugliness. Surely, there are limits to a pedagogy of provocation. Otherwise, the co-curricular activities of the College would be a theatre of the absurd. If Hamilton pays for an appearance by an apologist for the 9/11 terrorists in order to provoke students, why not pay for appearances by apologists for Theodore Kaczinski, Eric Rudolph, and Timothy McVeigh? How do we decide which specimens of real world intensity, immediacy, and ugliness are brought to campus?

Navigating these waters requires a moral compass. Campus programming paid for by Hamilton should serve the College's academic mission with intellectual integrity, coherence, diversity, and balance and promote reasoned and principled discourse among members of our community who have different and often conflicting ideas about important issues. Meaningful and responsible academic freedom is too important to be left to the vagaries of campus advocacy. No one wants Hamilton to be an isolated ivory tower that denies students the opportunity to encounter people from the real world. No one wants controversial ideas vetoed by the loudest voices from on or off campus. Yet, in a world of endless possibilities of the good, the bad, and the ugly, the administration and faculty have an obligation to think carefully about how the opportunities we offer students contribute to our academic mission and to create structures that help us make wise choices.

Recent events have undermined trust in our current practices. A few rules of common sense for faculty groups— eschewing political agendas, open and transparent decision-making, anticipating and welcoming differences of opinion, planning individual events and entire programs in ways that bring out different sides of complex issues and encourage lively and civil debate, partnering in planning with those with whom we disagree— will help rebuild that trust. Interest groups of faculty that choose not to accept responsibility for diversity, balance, and reasoned debate in their programming should lose the privilege of College funding.

The administration and faculty need to confront the problems made manifest this year. In our diverse and sometimes divided community, building consensus about principles and practices of intellectual discourse will not be easy. But to do otherwise is to abdicate responsibility for Hamilton's marketplace of ideas and run the risk of lurching from one crisis to another.

Letters to the editor *Policy*

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Communications Department reestablishes honor society

by Danielle Sclafani '08
FEATURES WRITER

Jealousy: the most evil of emotions. Taking advantage of our inborn egocentrism, it is manipulative and unforgiving. It holds us captive by day and night, stabbing our hearts and destroying our souls as we attempt to withstand the greatness, success and honoring of those around us.

When Andrew "Buzz" Carobus '98 was a junior at Hamilton, he fell victim to jealousy's powers. A Communications major, Carobus excelled in all of his classes, earning top grades and much respect from his professors.

However, academic success did not satisfy Carobus. He watched his classmates as they earned memberships to prestigious honor societies and could not help but feel a jealous pang.

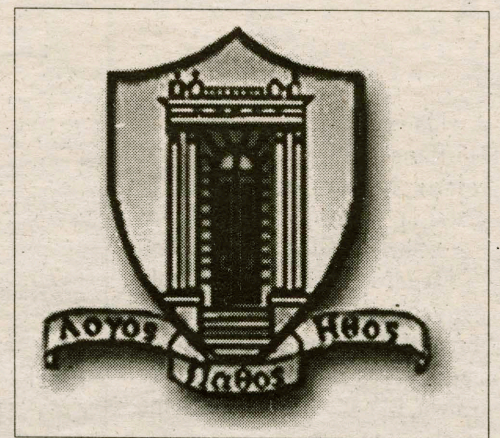
Frustrated that Hamilton did not have a chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communications Honor Society, Carobus decided to do something about it.

Carobus explained recently, "in my junior year at Hamilton I became jealous of other majors that had honor societies on campus that would recognize students for their academic achievements. In the course of flipping through the back of one of my communications textbooks, I found a brief mention for Lambda Pi Eta. Partly as a means to recognize my academic achievements, and partly as a manner in which to add more fodder to my resume, I spoke to Professor Richard Somer, the head of the Rhetoric and Communications Department at the time, about bringing a chapter of Lambda Pi Eta to Hamilton. He gave the go-ahead and with another Communications professor, Susan Ross, as my faculty advisor, we wrote to the organization about creating a chapter on campus." And so, in 1996, Hamilton's chapter of Lambda Pi Eta was born.

During Carobus's last two years on campus, a total of 12 seniors were recognized for their academic achievements, becoming members of Lambda Pi Eta. For some, the recognition was a pleasant surprise, as not many knew of Hamilton's chapter of the society.

GPA largely determined eligibility; there was a GPA requirement for both students' majors and in their academic careers as a whole. Students also needed a character recommendation from a faculty member.

Sadly, not long after Carobus left Hamilton, the Society withered and died. Carobus takes some responsibility for this, but he explains that Lambda Pi Eta did not remain active for a number of reasons. As his senior year neared its end, Carobus gradually began to lose interest in a career in communications. He says, "I concentrated more on finding law enforcement jobs during my final semester, and on partying on campus, and began to ignore my duties [as President of the society]."



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The crest of Lambda Pi Eta welcomes new members at Hamilton.

In addition, since Professor Ross and Carobus were responsible for bringing Lambda Pi Eta to Hamilton, Professor Ross and Carobus were solely responsible for the society's activities and happenings; neither thought to include other students in leadership positions. Carobus assumed Professor Ross would keep the chapter alive after he left Hamilton.

Unfortunately, not long after Carobus graduated, Professor Ross took a teaching position in Texas; soon after that, Professor Somer retired. "That must have been the final nail in the coffin," Carobus said.

Interested in joining Lambda Pi Eta? There will be an orgaizational and informational meeting held in Benedict 102 on Thursday, February 3, at 4:00 p.m.

Fortunately for Communications majors, Visiting Professor of Communication John Adams has been busy reestablishing the Hamilton chapter of Lambda Pi Eta.

Requirements for membership (GPA, credit hours, etc.) have not yet been determined; however, there will be an organizational and informational meeting in Benedict 102 on Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

According to Hamilton's website, "The Hamilton College chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, known as Epsilon Kappa...is based on academic excellence in and commitment to communication studies. The purpose of the society is to recognize, foster and encourage outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies."

Carobus is very happy about Professor Adams' efforts to reestablish the Honor Society at Hamilton. "I am pleased that the chapter will be revived on campus. I think the society provides a great opportunity for students majoring in communications to both receive credit for their outstanding academic achievement as well as bring speakers and symposiums to the Hamilton campus to educate other students about recent issues and trends in the field of communications," he said.

Carobus also stated, "I hope the current staff can do a better job than I did in maintaining the chapter on campus."

According to the society's national website, "Lambda Pi Eta represents [the beginning letters] of what Aristotle described in his book, *The Rhetoric*, as the three ingredients of persuasion: Logos (Lambda), meaning logic, Pathos (Pi), relating to emotion, and Ethos (Eta), defined as character credibility and ethics."

Lambda Pi Eta was founded in 1985 at the University of Arkansas and "is an accredited member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS)," according to the society's website.

There are almost 420 active chapters of Lambda Pi Eta at colleges and universities around the world.

As its constitution states, "the purposes of Lambda Pi Eta shall be (a) to recognize, foster and reward outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies; (b) to stimulate interest in the field of communication; (c) to promote and encourage professional development among communication majors; (d) to provide an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas in the field of communication; (e) to establish and maintain closer relationships and mutual understanding between communication studies faculty and students; and (f) to explore options for graduate education in communication studies."

Some athletic teams stay on-campus, others travel over winter break

by Kristy Hague '05
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Over winter break, many athletic teams return to Hamilton or travel to exotic locales in order to train intensively and compete.

Winter break training allows student athletes to focus exclusively on their sport and elevating their performance. Repeatedly, coaches and athletes expressed the importance of winter break in team bonding and improved personal performance.

"[Winter break training trips] provide teams with a great training program, a team bonding experience, a cultural experience and students seem to really enjoy the trip, so I think it's an all around positive experience," said Director of Athletics, David Thompson. Brian Grady, Assistant Hockey Coach, echoed Thompson's sentiments, stating that "winter break training is a great time to focus on hockey."

Over winter break, the men's ice hockey was one of several teams to train at Hamilton but the first to return to campus. The team came back on December 27th after a week of vacation. The men's hockey team practiced two times a day in addition to team work out sessions in the pool or weight room.

The team also had a seven-game road stand during the break over which they went 2-2-3. Hamilton tied Utica College, Salem State College and University of Southern Maine. The team defeated Amherst and Wesleyan and lost to nationally ranked Trinity after a series of controversial calls.

Despite their fifth-place standing in the NESCAC rankings, men's hockey is only four points away from first place. "We have six to seven guys out of the line-up because of injury...right now, we just can't catch a break, but the guys are working really hard and we just need it all to come together," said Grady.

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> - Athletic Director Dave Thompson

With eleven games remaining, ten against NESCAC teams, Grady has a positive outlook for the rest of the season. "With all the frustrations, the bad calls, the injuries, the worst of it is behind us and our best hockey is in front of us," said Grady. Grady pointed out that Hamilton is actually in a good position, as many NESCAC teams are overlooking the team without considering the circumstances surrounding their respective record.

Unlike the other winter athletics teams that stayed on campus, the men's and women's swimming and diving teams traveled to Waikiki beach in Honolulu, Hawaii to train and compete for ten days. Thompson noted that it is traditional for swimming teams across college campuses to travel to warmer locations to train during winter break. Assistant Coach Kate Abbott explained that the winter trip serves as a tremendous motivator for the athletes: "With all the snow and cold weather at Hamilton, jumping into a pool is one of the last things anyone wants to do," said Abbott. Team trips, therefore, provide an atmosphere more conducive to four hours of intense training per day.

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Sophomores: start thinking about studying abroad

by Michelle Butler '06
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Sophomores: if you have contemplated studying abroad even the slightest bit, now is the time to get cracking on reading through those program brochures and filling out applications. And first-years, though junior year may seem far away, it's never too early to make a trip to the Dean of Students office and pick up a couple of pamphlets. Our friendly study abroad advisors Edith Toegel and Amy James will certainly answer any and all questions, as well as guide you through the smoothest possible process in gaining access to your most desirable destination.

One important aspect of the study abroad experience is that as a reputable liberal arts school, Hamilton expects students to continue working at a rigorous level while they are abroad to broaden their academic perspective. In deciding where they would like to study abroad, Amy James recommends that students consider how their experience will pertain to, and perhaps even bolster, their major. For example, Lauren Goldenberg '06, a theater major, chose to study in London this spring at Middlesex University. In her view, London itself is a vital center for theater and home to Shakespeare, and so seemed the perfect place to go. She hopes to gain theatrical experience and knowledge not just from her theater courses, but also from living in the city of London itself. It may not be the case for every person, but James hopes that students will go somewhere that has "special significance to their area of academic pursuit."

If you are considering majoring in a language, you most certainly will be encouraged to apply to programs in courntires that completely immerse you in that language. The best way to do this is to go to a university that teaches solely in your language major, and to live with a family so that you will be forced to speak the language almost all the time. Hamilton coordinates excellent programs in Spain, France and China each year that ensure this level of immersion.

James also encourages students to go somewhere that will push them beyond their comfort zone. Surely many students take diverse and fun classes such as Dance and Anthropology here at Hamilton, but are still surrounded by the bubble of this tight-knit community. While living with a family in France, Lexi Buscaglia '05 found that unlike here in America, the French typically do not lounge around in their dining rooms and watch hours of television to relax. This was different from what she was used to, but forced her to have more personal contact with the family and practice communicating in French. It also kept her busy doing other things she normally would not do here during the school year.

Another way to go beyond one's comfort zone would be to stay away from going to what James calls "gateway cities," such as London or Sydney. These cities tend to be filled with Americans, therefore giving less of an authentic cultural experience. If you still wanted to go to England, you could easily find a more rural town or city to study in. Or, you could go to a country where the main language is not one offered at Hamilton. This way you can go to a completely foreign country with a completely foreign language, but you will not have to have fulfilled any language requirements prior to living there. Some of the most daring students in search of a truly eye-opening experience will travel to African countries such as Tanzania and Zimbabwe. Overall, these experiences have been some of the best, because they challenged students to push themselves beyond their limits, and made them stronger people.

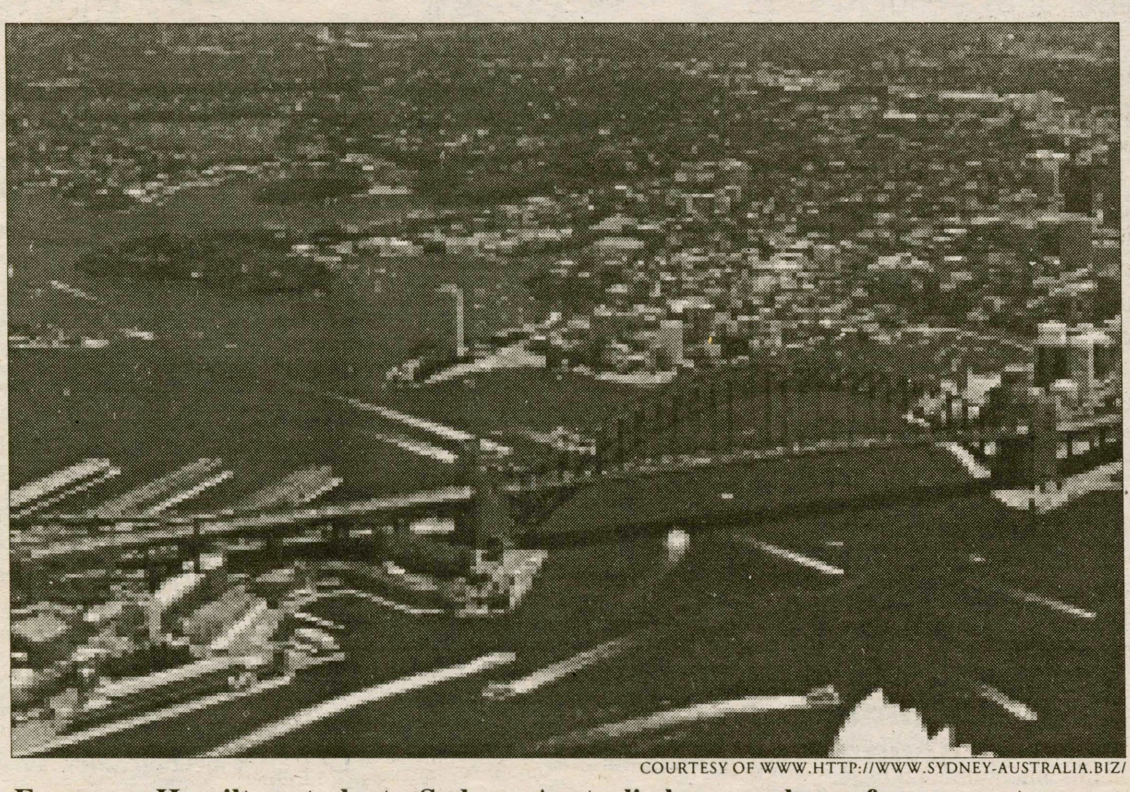
The most popular destinations for Hamilton students seem to be Australia and New Zealand. James noted that these programs tend to attract the outdoorsy and adventurous students, and would be particularly useful for geology and ecology majors.

Zach Kahn '06, a comparative literature major, spent last semester in Australia at the University of Melbourne. "I felt that Hamilton can be constricting sometimes because not everyone can live off campus and its very small, so I wanted to get as far away as possible. It's warm, they have nice beaches...But also the kids there were smarter than here almost. The university I went to was extremely intellectually stimulating, and it was a really good time," Kahn explained.

Edinburgh, Scotland, has also become popular with Hamilton students. Over the years, it has become quite competitive as well.

The program in Sweden had a large number of Hamilton students this year, and is particularly excellent for those interested in economics and public policy. But the most important thing is to decide what will be the best experience for you; what you will take the most away from.

Appointments can be made through the Dean of Students office to begin discussing your study abroad options.



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For many Hamilton students, Sydney, Australia becomes home for a semester.

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

Long-awaited Pub to open its doors on February 8
January 26, 1996

After an extended period of of waiting, the much ballyhooed campus pub will open on Thursday, February 8 instead of the initially scheduled date of Friday, February 2.

The news of the delay arrived at *The Spectator* via an early evening call from associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson last night. The setback was caused by an errant shipment of flooring necessary to complete the pub.

The facility will be called "the Little Pub" after Hamilton alum Jeff Little '71. Mr. Little is a trustee of the college and was responsible for a large benefaction which led to the completion of the pub.

Single key system introduced
January 24, 1992

No longer will hurried students have to shuffle through three keys to open doors. The old keys are gone and the 888 key has taken over the 444 key. When we tried to acces of dorms the old key would not work. "We did some lock changes," John Brucker, Director of Security said. The whole campus has been integrated onto one key system. Brucker explained that there are a few reasons for the key change. The old keys were no longer cost-effective. "Keys wear out," Brucker noted, and costs were rising. Now that the campus is on one system, the cost of replacing keys will be reduced.

The new keys were "more designed for maintenance and operations," Brucker commented. The new system will reduce the amount of keys that students have to carry. Another reason for the change is age. Finding parts for older locks was becoming difficult, Brucker said. One key is also much easier to control than two.

Editorial: Cut it Out
January 22, 1973

Hamilton College has been subsidizing fraternities for years without revealing it to the public. Students pay Hamilton $350 a term to cover the board fee (for meals in the Hamilton College dining halls.) The college turns over the full $350 to each fraternity member to his fraternity, but only uses a percentage of the money from independents and freshmen for Service Systems. The remaining portion of the money is put into a fund to supplement the academic cost overrun.

No wonder fraternities have better mals. They have more money to spend on food than Service Systems. However the College has consciously failed to acknowledge this policy which gives an economic advantage to fraternities. We urge the College to take the steps to alleviate this inbalance.

On-Campus Events January 21-January 27

Friday - January 21
Men's Ice Hockey - HOME vs. Skidmore 4:00PM
Black Student Union 5:00PM - 6:00PM
Women's Basketball - HOME vs. Union 6:00PM
Women's Ice Hockey - HOME vs. Williams 7:00PM
Bang on a Can All-Stars - 8:00PM 10:00PM
Men's Basketball - HOME vs. Union 8:00PM

Saturday - January 22
Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Day 11:30AM - 6:00PM
Women's Ice Hockey - HOME vs. Williams 1:00PM
Women's Basketball - HOME vs. Skidmore 2:00PM
Men's Ice Hockey - HOME vs. Castleton State 4:00PM
Men's Basketball - HOME vs. Skidmore 4:00PM

Sunday - January 23
Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field - HOME vs. Nazareth 12:00PM

Monday - January 24
Senior Job Search 7:30PM - 8:30PM
Atheists, Agnostics and Freethinkers Meeting 8:00 PM
Resume Workshop 8:00PM - 9:00PM
SASA Meeting 8:00PM - 9:00PM
Student Assembly Meeting 9:00PM - 10:30PM

Tuesday - January 25
First Steps to Finding a CRE 12:00PM - 1:00PM
CACC Meeting 3:00PM - 4:00PM
DUI: A Powerful Lesson 7:00PM - 8:00PM
Men's Ice Hockey - HOME vs. Elmira College 7:00PM
Guy Carpenter Info Session 7:30PM - 8:30PM
Tae Kwon Do Club 8:00PM - 9:30PM

Wednesday - January 26
Defensive Driving Course 4:30PM - 7:30PM
Campus Activities Board Meeting 7:00PM - 8:00PM
HAVOC Fair 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Art Student League 8:00PM - 9:00PM
Cover Letter Workshop 8:00PM - 9:00PM
Rainbow Alliance 9:00PM - 10:00PM

Thursday - January 27
Exhibition Tour and Discussion:
Professor Printmaker Bruce Muirhead 4:00PM - 6:00PM
Feminist Coffee Hour 4:00PM - 5:00PM
Lecture by Elizabeth Fox-Genovese,
Eléonore Raoul Professor of Humanities and Professor of History at Emory University 4:15PM - 5:30PM
Defensive Driving Course 4:30PM - 7:30PM

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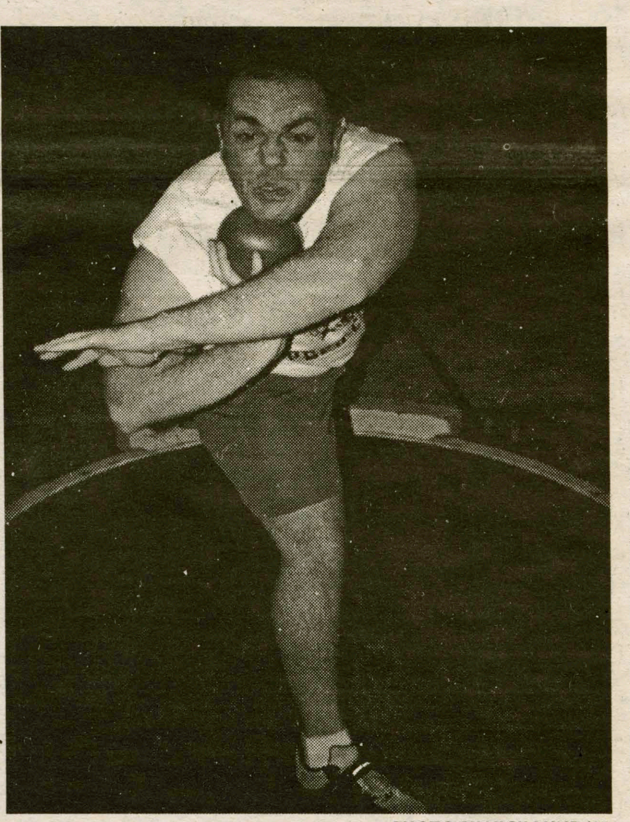
Come cheer on track-letes like Kyle Graham '06 (above) and Steve Butterhof '05 (below). The men's and women's track teams host Nazareth on Sunday at noon in the field house.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Swimming and diving teams compete in Hawaii

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Over the course of the year, the swimmers and divers raised fundsfor their trip by working concessions at the football games, selling t-shirts and raffles. In addition to fundraising, the athletes paid for the trip out of their own pockets.

This year, coaches gave the team the option of training in Florida, Hawaii or the Bahamas. The team chose to train in Hawaii because last year's winter training in Cona, Hawaii produced tremendous results. The team hoped that this trip would create the same team dynamic and yield the same results.

Once in Hawaii, the athletes began their day at nine in the morning with about 30 minutes of dry-land training and two hours of training in the pool. After a team lunch, athletes had the afternoon off, but returned to the pool in the evening for another two-hour session. Abbott explained the trip was important because "we came together as a team, motivated each other, and got through the most intense practices of the year." Senior swimmer Ryan Connor described the practices as intense because "there's no real break...you're just completely broken down and you keep going. The point of these trips is to work as hard as you can for a week straight and all you do is swim."

Ryan Connor '05 noted that "everyone trained really well and exceeded the expectations of the team leaders and coaching staff" while in Hawaii training for swimming and diving.

As on the previous Hawaii trip, Connor noted that "everyone trained really well and exceeded the expectations of the team leaders and coaching staff."

In addition to all the practices, the men's and women's diving teams competed in an invitational while in Honolulu. Mike Salmon '06 placed fourth in the University of Hawaii Diving Invitational beating Division I athletes.

Female divers Emily Clinkhammer '06, Sam Armstrong '07 and Britt Sponzo '05 placed 15th, 29th and 31st respectively in the women's portion of the diving competition.

If you want to see the effect of all this training upon the men's ice hockey and men's and women's swimming and diving teams, make sure to check out their next competition. Men's hockey will play Skidmore on Friday at 4PM and Castleton State College on Saturday at 4PM at home.

The swimming and diving teams will travel to Amherst for a 2PM meet on Saturday.

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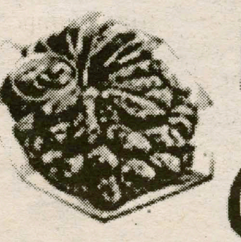

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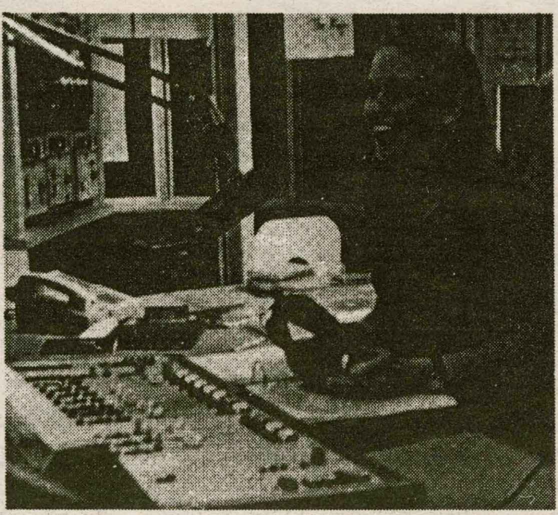

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This week: the money market

by Tim Foley '06
BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS EDITOR

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Money market securities are very much like bonds without periodic interest payments. Most money market securities have maturities of less than a year. Investors in money market securities know exactly what they are getting into. When corporations, governments or banks need to quickly obtain cash, they issue these short-term bonds on the money market at a discount to face value, so investors can precisely predict their profits.

In addition to their safety, money market instruments are very liquid. As a result of their low volatility, fixed return rate and short maturity, buyers and sellers are not hard to come across. Thus, quickly buying or selling money market securities is not a problem at all.

Treasury bills, issued by the United States Government, are the safest money market instrument but also offer the lowest rate of return. Treasury bills are very short-term bonds that make no interest payments. T-Bills, as they are commonly called, are issued with maturities of three, six and twelve months and with face values of $1,000, $5,000, $10,000, $25,000, $50,000, $100,000, or $1,000,000. They are also exempt from state and local taxes.

Next down on the totem pole of safety are Certificates of Deposit, or CD's. CD's are issued by commercial banks like First Union, Citibank and NBT. Buying a CD is like putting your money in a locked box for the length of the CD. CD's are issued with maturities of up to five years and the return is set at a predetermined rate. CD's are also extremely safe but offer low returns compared to the stock market. The main disadvantage of CD's is that money can't be taken out early. Buying a three-year CD means the investor cannot, under any circumstances, get his or her money for three years. Banks issue these securities to guarantee themselves lending capital.

Finally, firms can lend and borrow capital in the money market as well. Firms issue securities called "commercial paper." These short-term debt obligations, usually just a couple of months in maturity, are issued at a discount to investors. Firms use the borrowed money for very short-term cash needs.

On the other hand, firms also buy money market securities. If a firm experiences an unexpected rise in profits or cash flow, they do not just put the money in a box under their bed. Though money market returns are low, 1 percent is still a lot better than nothing, especially when dealing with millions of dollars.

Social Security? holler at your Bush

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Is this the future of retirement in the United States?

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Without a doubt, Social Security is one of the most cherished and controversial institutions of the United States Government. Since its inception in 1935, it has fended off attacks from the Right and Left, only succumbing to a couple of small technical adjustments. However, Social Security's biggest battle to date waits just around the corner, and it hails from Texas.

Social Security as we know it came into being during the Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and was designed to be a low-cost, simple program. Basically, Social Security is a government mandated retirement plan. Workers and employers are taxed at a predetermined rate, and those monies are deposited into the Social Security program. The program is set up to pay as it goes, meaning that the current generation of taxpayers funds the Social Security benefits of current retirees.

So, whether you like it or not, about 12.4 percent of your federally taxable income goes to grandmas and grandpas all over the nation. Benefits are paid out according to an individual's income over his or her lifetime. A doctor earning one million dollars per year will receive greater payments than a nurse earning just a fraction of that, but don't fret. Though they receive a larger check, individuals with higher incomes receive proportionately less than those of lower economic brackets. The firm employing the doctor and nurse must also contribute 12.4 percent of its total payroll to the Social Security program.

Capital collected through taxation is first used to pay the benefits of current retirees. Any excess money is deposited into a trust fund. This trust fund is set aside to act as a reserve in the event that total benefits paid exceed the Social Security tax for any given period. Most current debates center on this trust fund. How long will it last, and is it indeed trust worthy?

Cash in the trust fund is invested into United States Treasury Securities, arguably the safest investment on Earth. Currently, this trust fund contains about $1.5 trillion. That is, Social Security has about $1.5 trillion saved up in the event that more is being paid in benefits than is being collected through taxes. Quite a hefty sum, right?

Well, thanks to our grandparents who couldn't keep their shorts on after WWII, the bulk of our population is moving ever closer to retirement. Our parents, most of whom can be categorized as "Baby Boomers," will be eligible for Social Security once they hit the age of 65 years and 6 months.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) predicts that Social Security will begin operating at a deficit around the year 2020. That is, more money will be doled out in the form of benefits than is collected in the form of taxes. After this occurs, capital from the trust fund will be used to make up the difference between payments and tax revenue. Taking into account projected life expectancy, wage rates, immigration rates, and financial conditions, the SSA predicts that by about 2040, our parents will have completely depleted the trust fund, leaving Social Security in quite a predicament.

If we have 35 years to solve the problem, what's all the crying about? In my opinion, a large part of the attention being paid to Social Security on national news programs and in periodicals is somewhat of a smoke screen. Bush and his allies in Congress are set on reforming the current Social Security system but would be powerless without public support. Dropping buzz words like "bankrupt," "disaster" or "collapse" on national television or in the press has effectively created a sense of exaggerated panic among US citizens.

Financial market summary: 12/10/2004-1/20/2005

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Much has changed in the U.S. equity market since I last wrote in December. Although the S&P 500 has only declined 3.5 percent from its peak of 1218, marked on the first trading day of 2005, investors and traders have finally shown some enthusiasm for selling stocks. On January 4th, the NASDAQ Composite declined 51 points or 2.4 percent, but more importantly, the NASDAQ traded more than 2.7 million shares, the highest volume since June of 2003. High volume indicates that bulls were not merely absent on that particular day, but that the sellers overpowered the buying interest.

Furthermore, investors responded to the decline with complacency. While the S&P 500 declined 17 points on January 4th, the VIX (the S&P 500 Volatility Index) actually declined slightly as well. The VIX measures the implied volatility of options on the S&P 500 index. Implied volatility rises when market participants fear a decline in share prices and consequently bid up put options to insure losses in stock portfolios. Under normal market conditions, the VIX would have spiked as the S&P 500 sold off. If we were nearing the end of a bull market, investors would be complacent and the VIX has confirmed that hypothesis. It is important to remember, however, that bull campaigns rarely end without a failed test of the high and that test has yet to occur.

EBAY reported on Thursday that the company missed its fourth quarter earnings estimate and projected a challenging year in 2005. Shares lost 19 percent following the report, erasing over $13 billion of market capitalization.

The chip sector has shown continued weakness, with the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index (SOX) having peaked in January of 2004 at 557 points. Components of the index include Intel, AMD, and Juniper Networks. The semiconductor sector's outlook for 2005 is gloomy at best and the index, though very oversold in the short term, has not likely seen the worst of the selling. Apple Computer shares continue to gain on high expectations for iPod sales, despite broad market weakness.

Since the start of 2005, oil prices have recovered almost half of their losses from the fourth quarter of 2004, closing on Thursday, January 20 in New York at $46.91 per barrel.

After peaking before the New Year at $1.365, the Euro has sold off sharply, trading on Thursday, January 20 at 1.295. The currency is now testing a significant support level of $1.29, the all time high for the Euro before November of 2004. The Bank of Japan's intervention in the foreign exchange market has forced the Euro to bear the brunt of the US Dollar's decline. That is to say, the Euro has appreciated more than would be justified by economic fundamentals. The dollar is still holding at 103 ¥ and the British Pound has retraced some of its bullish move to trade at $1.87 on Thursday.

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Bad, Ass Movie Review: *Bridget Jones' Diary: The Edge of Reason*

by Allison Kerbel '05
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Any film review of *Bridget Jones: the Edge of Reason* must include the words "bad" and "ass" - unfortunately, not together. Instead, the movie is bad and prominently features Renee Zellweger's enormous ass.

A lot of us had high hopes for the second *Bridget Jones* movie. Well, a lot of us females, anyway. After all, we loved *Bridget Jones's Diary.* Why? Because it fulfills our deepest (or is it most superficial?) hopes as romantic girls: the hottie Daniel Cleaver (Hugh Grant) actually finds the ridiculous Bridget Jones, who is pretty but awkward (not to mention chubby), attractive!

Of course, the hottie turns out to be a total jerkface who only wants to use Bridget for sex (not that this isn't a nice boost to the ego of your average girl), and the attractive but taciturn Mark Darcy (Colin Firth) will truly love and respect our heroine (allowing us to believe that our less-than-vocal boyfriends and love interests are actually hiding deep emotion below the surface). Everything ends happily for Bridget, despite the fact that she isn't thin, or rich, or glamorous, or smart and has atrocious fashion sense. *Bridget Jones's Diary* reaffirms every hope that female audiences have fostered since Jane Austen wrote *Pride and Prejudice*. Incidentally, the movie leaves out some of the funniest Austen references from the book, but adds some of its own, since Colin Firth plays the analogous character in the BBC miniseries, *Pride and Prejudice.*

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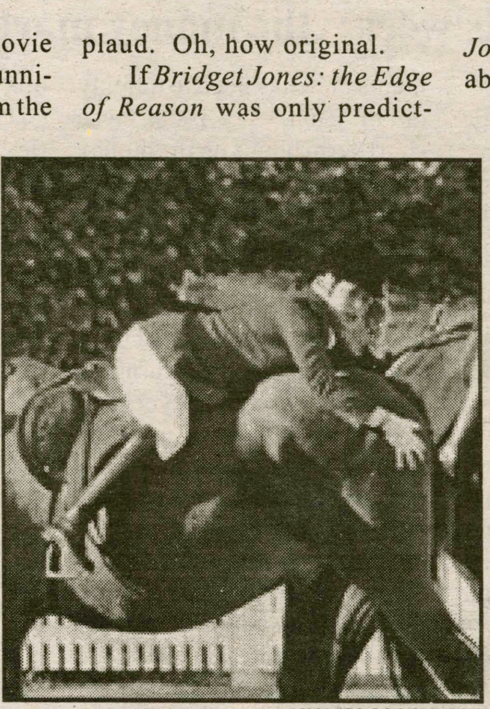
Cell phones may cause cancer, but watching *Bridget Jones* will most definitely cause severe boredom.

Bridget Jones: the Edge of Reason picks up a few weeks after the end of the first movie. Bridget and Mark are in love (even though Mark thinks she's given up smoking), but there's trouble in paradise: Mark Darcy is too staid and strait-laced for spunky Bridget, and his co-worker, Rebecca, spends a little too much time with Mark for Bridget's taste. The movie is nothing if not predictable, so of course the two lovebirds argue over petty things. They reunite when Mark Darcy declares his love for Bridget via her apartment's intercom - too cutely; he must make his declaration loud enough for all the drunk people in the street to hear. They laugh and applaud. Oh, how original.

If *Bridget Jones: the Edge of Reason* was only predictable, I could forgive it. After all, good sequels are hard to make, and even bad sequels make money. And the chick flick as a genre is by definition predictable, which in no way detracts from your average female's enjoyment of the movie.



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Bridget Jones: She's got dumps like a truck. Truck, truck. Thighs like what? What, what. Baby move your butt. Butt, butt. Sisqo rules!

Unfortunately, *Bridget Jones 2* is not only predictable, but over-the-top ridiculous; almost as though it were trying to parody itself (like *Bring It On* or a mockumentary). Bridget ends up eating magic mushrooms in Thailand, then getting jailed for smuggling cocaine, while Mark Darcy and Daniel Cleaver get into another wimpy fight, this time involving a fountain.

The movie is full of predictable fat jokes (Renee Zellweger appears to have gained even more weight for this movie) and characters who have become caricatures of themselves. Hugh and Colin aren't as cute, Renee isn't as hot, and the only good part of this movie is its fairly short length - at 1 hour and 46 minutes, you won't have to walk out of the theater because you can't take it any more.

Bridget Jones: the Edge of Reason gets 25 gold doubloons (out of 100). Don't bother, unless it's Christmas day and you're bored; in which case *Bridget Jones 2* might provide an hour and a half of fairly non-offensive mindlessness.

Television and winter break: a fusion of exceptional merit

by Katey Healy-Wurzburg '05
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"So, what did you do over break?"

"Oh I went to St. Thomas and the Bahamas for Christmas, I went to the Barenaked Ladies' New Year's Eve Party, partied with Prince. Then when I got home, I hung out with all my awesome friends from high school; I'm *so* glad we still hang out!!! What did *you* do?"

"Er... I uh... learned how to roast a turkey... and how to build a house in seven days... and how to be a Queer-eyed straight... guy."

"Wow.... That's uh. Awesome."

How many of us have had that conversation this first week back on campus? That's right, all of us. We have had that conversation so many times our ears began to preemptively bleed before the last one even got into full force. Now, for the important question: which of those people were you? If you were the first one, you had a great break, filled with visiting friends and family, adventures into exotic lands or cities, and planning your *kickass* spring break. You also think you have lots of friends and admirers. Correction: You *did* have a lot of friends; everyone hates you for having a cool life now.

As for the second group... ah you are my people. You spent the majority of break in front of that great entertainer and relaxer we call... television. Oh, how I love and hate thee. This article is a tribute to the ups and downs of break television.

The first whole week back was the best week for TV. Christmas and holiday specials everywhere you turn. *The Christmas Special Christmas Special*, narrated by Carson Kressley of *Queer Eye*, that aired on Bravo was my favorite. It was a retrospective on the history and legacy of that new classic, the Christmas Special. From *Rudolf* to *A Christmas Story,* Carson elucidated every turn of the convoluted history of the genre. Though it missed such personal classics as *The Scrooge* and *Die Hard 1 and 2*, it was quite interesting to watch. Definitely a refreshing take on an otherwise saccharine-y and over-marketed genre. So much so, that the only Christmas Special I watched was the Christmas Special Christmas Special.

Other highs of my television break include the Food Network: all of it. Specials on delicious holiday food from every celebrity chef, Iron Chef marathons, specials on the customs and recipes of yore! SCRUMTRILLESSCENT! It was amazing, and oddly, got me more into the holiday spirit than anything else. It also started me on a slightly unhealthy obsession with Alton Brown of *Good Eats*. It is quite possibly the most ridiculous show on television. Science, random social commentary, pop culture, oh yeah and great recipes and hints for great and easy cooking... sounds like television magic to me! *Good Eats* and my daily dose of Alton Brown is on at 7 every night, and again at 10. Some nights, it's on twice at 10, and those are the best nights of my life. If you are a chronic sleep avoider, you can also enjoy episodes at 2 and 2:30 AM.

This winter break also included some seriously annoying lows in my television schedule. First on my list was the post-holiday dieting week on the Food Network. Way to reminds us that we just spent three weeks getting fat and happy. The constant break-time annoyance of reruns was also out in full force, with some notable exceptions. *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* and *Desperate Housewives* had some new episodes. *I Love the 90s Part Deux* also premiered in the post holiday lull. The incessant commercials for it made me want to stab someone though. Micheal Ian Black is *so* clearly saying 'pubic hair in my Coke.' and they overlaid 'soda-pop'. Maybe that only annoyed me though. Other lows included such minor annoyances as a Bravo programmer with permanent amnesia. Is it honestly *that* hard to remember what *West Wing* episodes were shown that morning and day before, and maybe switch them up a little bit? Or imagine that some of us might have no life outside of *West Wing* before it started sucking, and appreciate Bravo's hooking us up with our fix.

The other saving grace of my break TV watching schedule was clearly the 4 episodes of *Star Trek* shown on Spike TV. Two episodes of *The Next Generation* and *Deep Space Nine* = a happily dorky Katey. Those are the only series I really like though, *Voyager* was stupid. That's right, I said. The daily mini-marathon of *Star Trek* was followed by a *McGuyver* episode. Also one of my favorites... that is, if you think I am a 40-50 year old mother.

However, if you are like me... which means you are *awesome...* you were most excited by the advent of twice daily showings of the *Gilmore Girls* on ABC Family. An amazing show, I have only gotten into it in the past couple of years, so I especially appreciated the weekend showings of first season episodes. And unlike most of the rest of the channels I talked about, we actually get ABC Family here on campus. Oh yeah, and I have heard that the small houses get Bravo and the Food Network. Someone even claimed y'all get HBO. If that's true... well, everyone hates you as much as people who had really interesting and fun breaks.

Now that I have revealed the true extent of my extreme nerditude, I invite you all to have the most kickass breaks of your life... that's right, make plans *now* to sit on the couch all spring break and watch reruns of *Friends* and *Law and Order.*

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Mithat's Gaming Corner Presents:

Star Wars Knights of the Old Republic: The Sith Lords

by Chris Takacs '05
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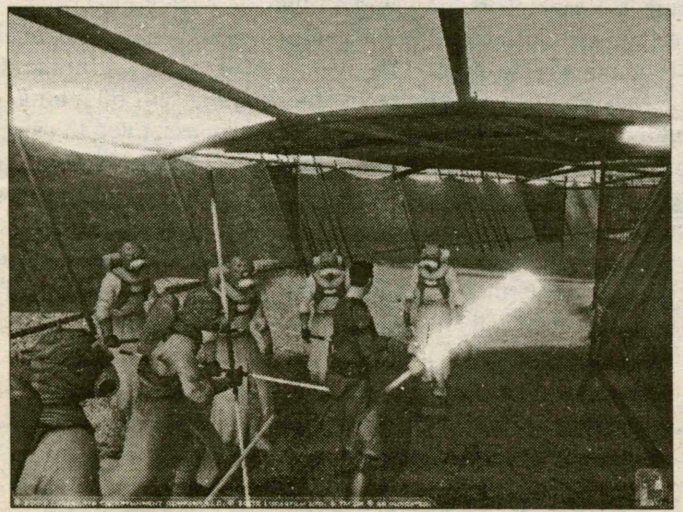
Lucas Arts has hit a home run with *Star Wars Knights of the Old Republic II: The Sith Lords*, a game that follows in its predecessor's footsteps of dramatically bringing the Star Wars universe to life. The sequel to last year's Game of the Year-*Knights of the Old Republic* (*KOTOR 1*), *The Sith Lords* presents a dark tale of betrayal and of the depths of Sith evil.



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Now if the U.S. had only sent Jedi Knights with lightsabers into Iraq, the war would have been over long ago. Defenders of the Republic, indeed.

A long time ago...

The game begins five years after the conclusion of the *KOTOR 1* storyline, and with a nearly completely new set of characters. You play a former Jedi who, having been expelled from the order after following Revan into the Mandalorian wars, has mysteriously lost his connection to the force. You spend much of the game recovering your force powers with the help of a force-sensitive mystic, Kreia. Similar to *KOTOR 1*, you struggle to remember and recover your former self, against the backdrop of the destruction of the Jedi order by an unknown dark lord.

Typical of *Star Wars* sequels, the game is dark and brooding, and the Sith powers you face are formidably evil. Despite some initial similarities to the first *KOTOR*, *KOTOR 2* has a markedly different storyline and an altogether different feel to the plot, but remains a successful Star Wars narrative.

The biggest disappointment in the game is the repetition of some of the levels from the first *KOTOR*. Much of Dantooine and Korriban are simply copied from the first game, with adjustments to account for the 5-year time difference. While it is nice to see what has happened to the old Sith and Jedi academies, the near cut-and-paste of some of the worlds feels cheap. And those worlds that *are* new bear striking similarities to those of the first game. Having produced such a wonderful depth of game environments in *KOTOR 1*, the developers shouldn't have stuck so closely to their own mold for *2*, but should have used their innovative skills to produce new types of environments.

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Leaping lightsabers! There's only one thing sweeter than a lightsaber. Two lightsabers. These Sand People are about to get wrecked.

What's New?

There are three major additions to *KOTOR* gameplay from the first game, each of which make for a more engaging and intense game world.

First, not only do you decide your own character's force alignment (whether they side with the light or dark) but you can also influence the alignments of the other characters you control. By interacting with them, you can work to convince them to follow the teachings of the Jedi; or alternatively, the Sith.

Second, *KOTOR 2* places a much greater emphasis on creating and refining items than its predecessor and the game has widely expanded your ability to craft weapons, tools, item enhancements, and materials. An obsessive-compulsive gamer could easily spend hours tracking down parts, tweaking lightsaber assemblies, and expanding his arsenal. Further, as the game randomly generates discovered items, item creation is vital to properly developing your character to match the increasing difficulty of the game.

Third, the addition of prestige classes (classes of Jedi and Sith for high-level characters) adds immense variety and depth to the later parts of the game. You can choose between three prestige classes within your alignment: Jedi Weapons Master, Jedi Master, Jedi Watchman, Sith Marauder, Sith Lord, and Sith Assassin. Each class carries its own set of special skills and abilities, giving the game excellent replay value. You can literally play the game six ways, and though the plot remains relatively the same, your abilities can vary drastically from class to class.

Overall, *KOTOR 2* will delight the average gamer and enthrall Star Wars fans for months. Despite some repetition from the first *KOTOR*, *KOTOR 2* is innovative, graphically pleasing, immersive, and provides an excellent narrative. Whether a Jedi Guardian or a Sith Lord, gamers will agree that *KOTOR 2* stands among the best games of the season.

Star Wars Knights of the Old Republic II: The Sith Lords gets 9.2 Moisture Vaporators out of 10.

Badass, hilarious... educational? *America: The Book*

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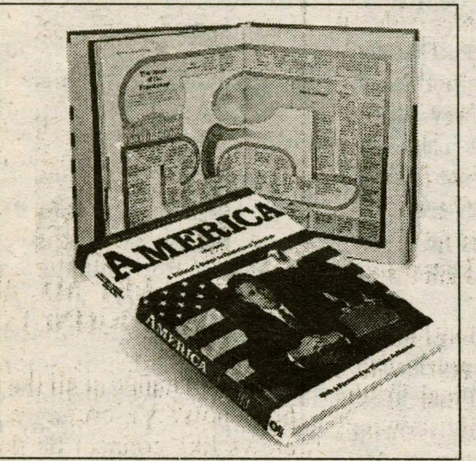
When you grow up in Massachusetts, your history classes don't really change until you're about thirteen. Until then, you spend each year learning about Columbus, the Pilgrims and the Battle of Concord and Lexington, which began the Revolutionary War.

At about thirteen, you're deemed ready to start learning other things, like the rest of the Revolutionary War (we won), the Civil War (the good states won) and the War of 1812 (I have no idea who won). However, the history is pretty biased. For example, I spent a solid chunk of my life knowing nothing about the Pilgrims except that they were fleeing religious persecution, that they had buckles on their hats and that they landed on Plymouth Rock (which is an incredibly disappointing field trip). I further learned that the Pilgrims *actually* landed in Provincetown but sailed to Plymouth because of a lack of freshwater. That's one of those little gems that makes growing up in Massachusetts worth it.



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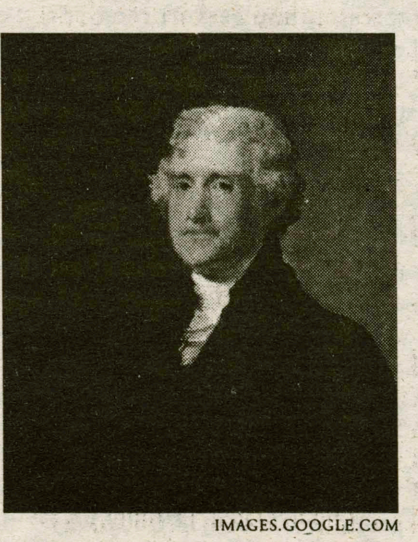
***America: The Book* won't just make you smarter, but a better person.**

My point here is that I was taught a sterilized view of history. But that would not have been the case if my textbook had been *America: The Book*.

If you haven't heard of *America: The Book* by now then you must be... well, a Republican, I guess. It's been selling like hot-cakes and so many people are coming back from break with it that you would think it's *Napoleon Dynamite*. But just in case, here's a description: *America* was written by the writers and cast of *The Daily Show*, which has better informed (and hotter) viewers than *The O'Reilly Factor*.

It is written and laid out like a textbook. They even go so far as to have a place in the front of the book to write your name and the condition of the book. There are charts, figures and factoids to supplement the proper part of the text. The book covers everything that a modern American would need to know: the history of democracy, how the branches of government work, how the media works, how the media has failed and so on. There's even a handy chapter to help you learn about the rest of the world (if you feel like it). And every single page is laugh-out-loud funny.

But there's more to this book than pee-your-pants humor. I haven't even finished the book yet and I've already learned more than I did in eight years of history classes (For example: did you know that when Columbus landed, there were already people in America and that they were called Indians? Crazy). I honestly know much more about the workings of the legislative branch, especially lobbyists, after having read this book.



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Jefferson wrote the foreword for the book. He was paid in dollars and sweet dark chocolate. His personal favorite. Word.

There are those who would say that this book is heavily biased, seditious even. But, while the writers are clearly liberal, they are concerned with telling history the way that it happened, not sugar-coating it. Additionally, the cynical view of the inner workings of government should give people a way to change things. I would like to think that that is the point of the book: to make people aware and to educate them so that they can change things. By pointing out hypocrisies and problems with the system, *America: The Book* educates and informs while entertaining.

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New technology may help find cure for many diseases transmitted by parasites

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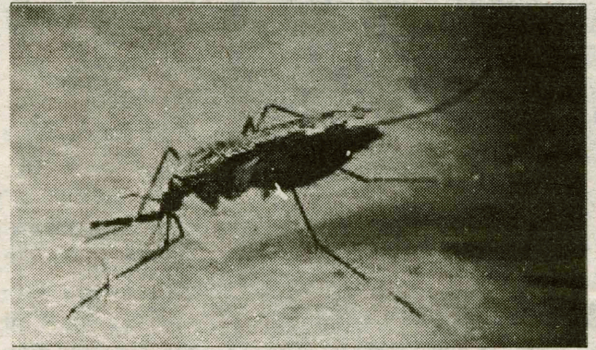
Malaria is one of the most dangerous parasitic diseases that affects humans today. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that of the 270 million malaria infections each year, approximately 1.5 million people die, many of these young children. Caused by mosquito parasites, malaria is transmitted in an estimated 100 countries throughout the tropical regions of the world. Even though the high risk of the disease is evident, production of a safe and effective treatment is elusive.



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Mosquito parasites are the leading cause of malaria infections in about 100 tropical countries throughout the world.

Almost all tropical diseases, including malaria, Leishmaniasis, and Chagas disease to name a few, have been neglected by modern medicine. The treatments that are available are not reliable and are often unsafe. Why is production of treatments for these diseases so slow? It is not necessarily because the answers are hard to find- it's because the pharmaceutical industry has not been looking for them. Creating new drugs is extremely expensive, and with these diseases the financial incentive for the big drug companies isn't there. Now, however, small teams around the world are making an effort to find safe and effective modern medicines that will save the lives of millions of people in the poorest countries in the world.

Research on tropical diseases and the parasites that carry them has proven successful in discovering where the parasites' molecular structure could be targeted with drugs. The WHO and the World Bank are waiting to fund clinical trials for the drugs. Now, there are some researchers working towards finding the drugs that work.

There are now just three academic centers in the world working towards treating tropical diseases: The University of Dundee in the UK, the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne, Australia, and Harvard University. The research at these institutes is focusing on insect-transmitted diseases caused by parasites and the aim is to develop possible drugs that show promise in the lab and then to work with the WHO on further development. Researchers are using a technique called high-throughout compound screening (HTS), which is commonly used by multinational drug companies.

HTS uses a robotic screening system to test 100,000 compounds against a given target. If they find a protein that helps a parasite survive, they can then search for a chemical to stop the protein. One major advantage of HTS is that it includes 2,500 already licensed drugs, so an existing drug may be found to work against one of these diseases.

These three centers are facing a huge challenge. It often takes 10 years from initial research to clinical trials to develop a new drug, and the number of new compounds that have become approved drugs over the last 30 years is small. Getting funding for these projects is also difficult; the Australia project is government backed, but the others are relying largely on charities and research councils.

While the development of these drugs will be a long, tedious process, even the smallest improvements could make a world of difference in countries where 25% of child deaths are due to malaria. Any drugs that can be developed will be an improvement on existing treatments.

Scientific politicization and the future of stem cell research under President Bush

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Recent political influence of scientific research has caused the issue to become one of "conservative" versus "liberal" values. As the separation between church and state has recently become a more contested issue, many believe that the separation between science and politics has also become vague.

Many people believe that scientific policies dealing with issues such as climate change and greenhouse gas emissions may be affected by special interests; however, the issue of stem cell research is greatly impacted by religious principles. President Bush's decision in August 2001 to curtail federal funding for already-produced embryonic-stem-cell lines initially fueled this most-recent partisan debate. Since Bush claims his opposition to stem cell research is based on his religious values, the scientific community will likely continue to face political (and thus financial) barriers to stem cell research.

However, to the delight of many scientists and supporters of stem cell research, a major scientific and political breakthrough occurred on November 2, 2004, when Californians voted for Proposition 71. The Proposition, supported by 59 % of voters, established the "California Institute for Regenerative Medicine," which will regulate stem cell research and provide funding through grants and loans. Proposition 71 establishes a constitutional right to conduct stem cell research, and authorizes up to $3 billion in general obligation bonds to finance the Institute's activities. This is considered to be a tremendous victory for those who have been fighting to receive funds for stem cell research, and it shows that it is possible for the issue to be resolved at a state level.

The heated stem cell research debate is complex; however, there are some interesting angles worth considering. For one, most religious conservatives believe that scientific studies using clusters of cells from frozen embryos left over from fertility clinics should be forbidden because the practice contradicts their pro-life beliefs; however, not all pro-lifers feel that stem cell research contradicts the anti-abortion principle. For example, *Newsweek* quotes pro-life Republican, Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), as saying, "There is no greater way to promote life than to find a way to defeat death and disease... stem-cell research may provide a way to do that." Mary Tyler Moore, a pro-life Republican and international chair of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, also supports stem cell research, claiming that she believes that unused embryos should be used to promote life for the same reason that people wish to donate their organs to save the lives of others.

On the other hand, many conservative politicians feel that Kerry and Edwards were too optimistic about the possible benefits of stem cell research during their campaign. Senator Bill Frist (R-Tenn.), who aided in President Bush's reelection, criticized Edwards for being "opportunistic," and believes there has been too much build up for research that has not yet proven to be beneficial.

In fact, it is true that nobody has yet been cured by embryonic stem cells; however, those who support the research have compelling evidence that stem cells will be able to help humans with medical problems ranging from spinal cord injuries to Alzheimer's.

For example, embryonic mouse stem cells have proved to be very effective in rehabilitating laboratory rats with an animal variety of Parkinson's: the cells, when injected into rats' brains, begin producing dopamine, which is a missing neurotransmitter in Parkinson's patients. Dr. Hans Keirstead of the Reeve-Irvine Research Center in California converted human embryonic stem cells into brain cells and injected them into the spines of paralyzed rats, giving them the ability to walk and run. Dr. Keirstead also helped promote Proposition 71 in California. He claims that if all goes according to schedule, he will be able to apply his therapy to humans by 2006, which will make it the first treatment using human embryonic stem cells to be given to humans.

Another angle on the debate is that since Bush does not forbid scientists from using private funds to pay for stem cell research, the ethical considerations may not be as important to him as his administration has indicated. Major academic institutions such as Harvard and the University of California at San Francisco, as well as organizations such as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, have helped fund stem cell research. Nevertheless, many scientists are worried that these private funds will fall considerably short of the type of research that could be conducted with the help of federal funds.

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Dr. Keirstead of the Reeve-Irvine Research Center in California dispays a bottle of human stem cells.

Whether President Bush is personally concerned with the ethics of stem cell research may not be important, since candidates generally try to satisfy their base constituency. And for Bush, the religious right was essential to his reelection.

The same is true for the Democrats: Kerry's personal opinion on stem cell research is, as far as his voters are concerned, irrelevant, as long as his political opinion sways to the left.

After considering all angles of the stem cell debate, it is difficult to decipher the central issue. For instance, many people believe that the issue over stem cell research may go back to the question of when human life officially begins.

Others have argued that tax dollars should not be used to support controversial research that does not guarantee results. There are many perspectives to consider, but any way we look at it, science has clearly become a political issue that affects funding for stem cell research. Whether or not we should separate science from politics is a complicated question, but may be one worth considering.

Tsunami causes devastation to environment

by Caitlin Rochford '06
Science & Technology Editor

On November 17, 2004, just one month before the devastating tsunami hit the coasts of India, Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) received a gold metal from the U.S. Department of Commerce for its tsunami tracking system that helped save Hawaii from tsunami damage last year. Just days after the tsunami hit, questions arose as to why NOAA's tracking system was not used to prevent the damages caused to these countries. While a system similar to the one used on the west coast of the United States could have been helpful in preventing many of the deaths that were caused by the tsunami, some of the disastrous effects on the environment could not have been avoided.

NOAA's tsunami warning system is called the Deep Ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunamis (DART), and is a system of buoys that provides real-time data to NOAA. An earthquake that measured 7.7 on the Richter Scale set off DART on November 17, 2003, off the coast of Hawaii. Through careful calculations, NOAA was able to predict that the tsunami that would hit the coast as a result of this earthquake would not be severe enough to warrant an evacuation of the coastline. When the tsunami did hit the coast, it was less than one foot tall and did not cause any damage. The State of Hawaii saved about $68 million that would have been lost had an evacuation taken place, according to the Hawaiian Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism.

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Ships destroyed by the tsunami in India.

Had a system like DART been in place on December 26, when an earthquake caused the tsunami to hit the East Asian Coast, it is possible that an evacuation could have been ordered, thus saving some of the 221,000 lives that were lost as a result. Unfortunately since DART is only a warning system and does nothing to prevent tsunamis, any damage that was caused to the coast or the surrounding area could not have been avoided.

When the tsunami hit, it caused vast devastation to the environment. Clean water, food, pollution and endangered species are the main concerns of many environmental groups that have offered their expertise in the recovery effort. These are also important issues to the victims of the tsunami, as many who survived the actual flood are now suffering from dehydration and malnutrition.

According to CARE, an international organization that is providing aid to the tsunami victims, finding fresh water has been a difficult task. Not only did the earthquake preceding the tsunami destroy many reservoirs that provided fresh water, but much of the remaining water has been contaminated, either by seawater, or by debris and dead bodies. CARE officials warn that drinking this water could cause diseases, or even death.

Food security has become another important issue for the countries affected by the tsunami, particularly Indonesia. According to CNN, more than 50% of the protein in the diets of the Indonesian people comes from fish, whose habitat was largely destroyed by the tsunami. Damage to the coral reefs lining the coast, as well as pollution that has seeped into the ocean, has greatly depleted the supply of edible fish. According to NOAA, pollution has become a problem in itself, because of the chemicals, oils, paints and other toxins that were swept out to sea during the flood.

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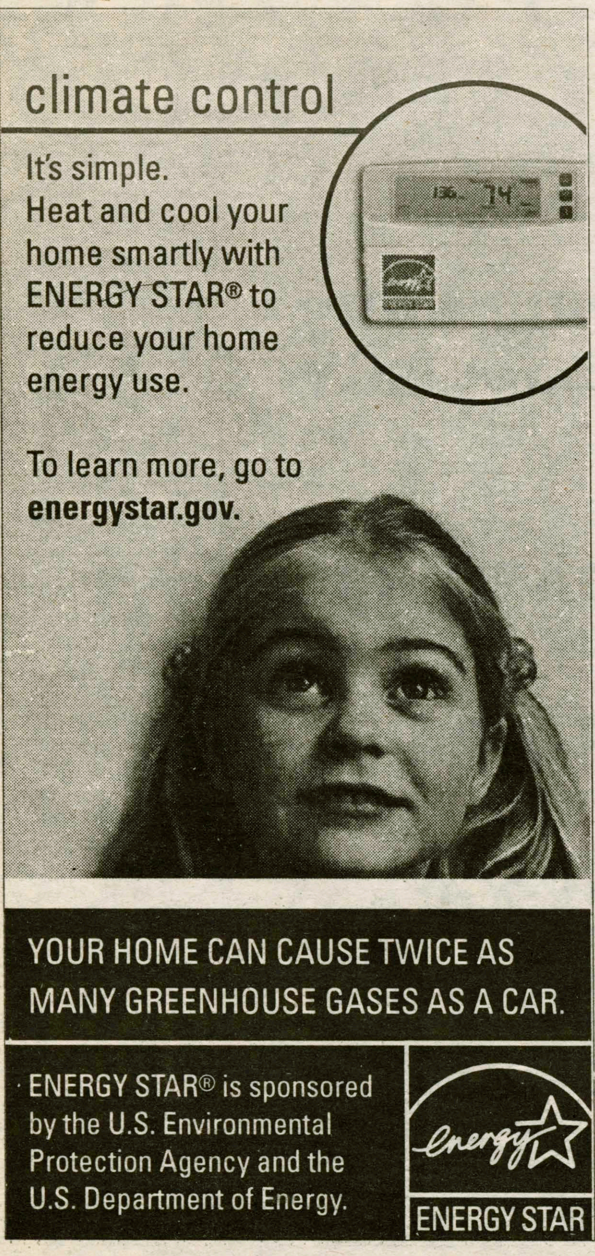
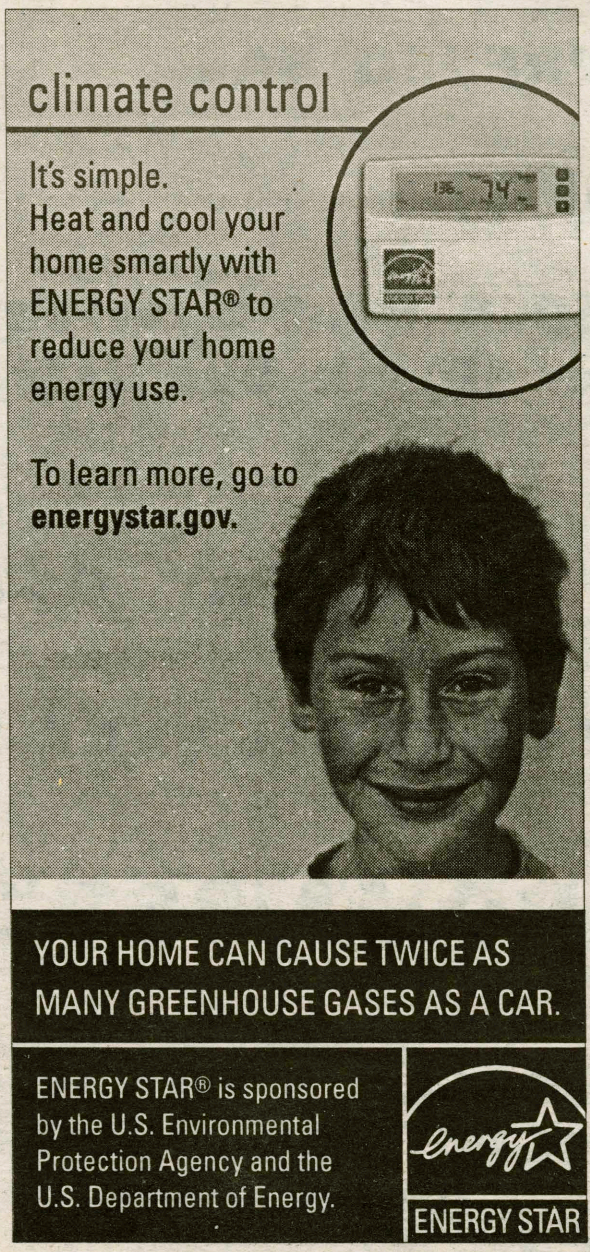
A woman plays with dogs displaced after the tsunami at a government-owned pound.

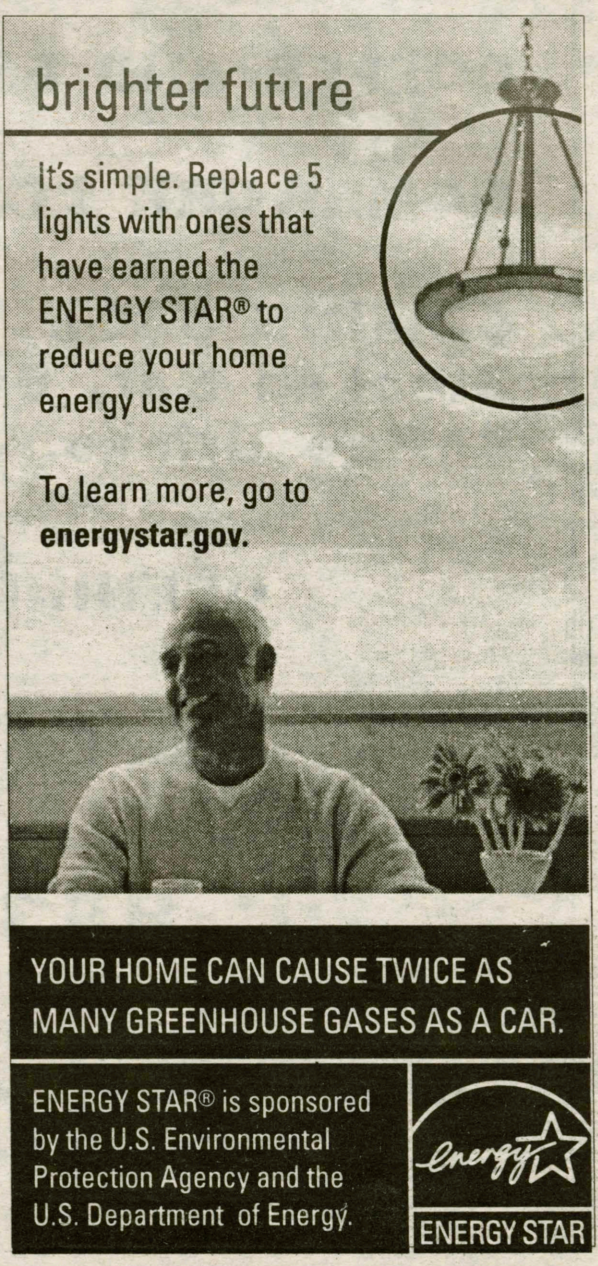
Coral reefs were not the only organisms that were injured as a result of the tsunami. Mangroves, which serve as a habitat for many small marine creatures were also badly damaged by the waves. Additionally, many sea turtles and humpbacked dolphins, which are both endangered, were either injured or killed by the tsunami. Finally, although most species of terrestrial wildlife survived the tsunami, many pets, such as dogs, goats and cows were injured, killed or displaced after the tsunami hit.

The United Nations has already set aside $1 million for environmental damages and organizations like the Humane Society International have already begun making plans to aid the local veterinary facilities and recover damaged environment.

According to CNN, Bill Eichbaum of the World Wildlife Fund stated, "We have to approach their environment as a triage-level medical condition. You have to maintain what exists, plan for the most effective way to approach the rehabilitation process, then begin the steps to help the region to recover."







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Men's hockey beats Amherst and Wesleyan

Crucial games lie ahead for the Continentals

By Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS EDITOR

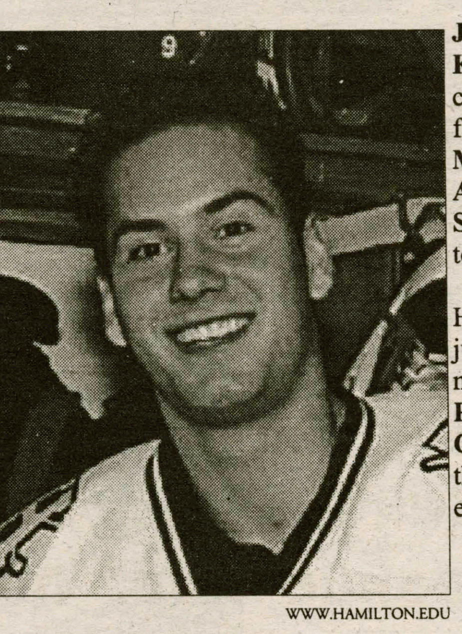
While many Hamilton students were enjoying the powder at their favorite ski resort, snorkeling through the coral reefs of Mexico, or just relaxing at home with their families, the Men's hockey team was up on the Hill putting in the hours necessary to forge a winning season. Though their results over break were varied, the Continentals kept things competitive through a tough stretch without many members of the student body behind them.

HAMILTON ROUNDUP

The team ended up going 2-1-3 over the break, a respectable mark given their grueling schedule. The Continentals beat NESCAC opponents Wesleyan and Amherst handily by scores of 3-1 and 7-5 respectively. The team notched 2-2 ties against crosstown rival Utica College, Salem State, and Southern Maine, and their only loss came in their game against Trinity College in a 4-3 heartbreaker.

As they head into the final stretch of the season, the team stands with a record of 6-5-3. The top scorer thus far has been Junior tri-captain **Gus Katsuris '06**, who has lead the way with 21 points on 11 goals and 10 assists. **John Gordon '07** and **Erik Kallio '06** have also been key contributors with 15 and 11 points respectively. **Chris "the bonecrusher" Clarkson '07** leads the team with 12 penalties for a total of 35 minutes as they head into their game against Skidmore.

The team looks to return to the NESCAC playoffs for the 13th straight year, and with the help of the student body they can achieve this goal. With upcoming home games against Skidmore on January 21st and Castleton State on January 22nd, they look for support and excitement at Sage Rink.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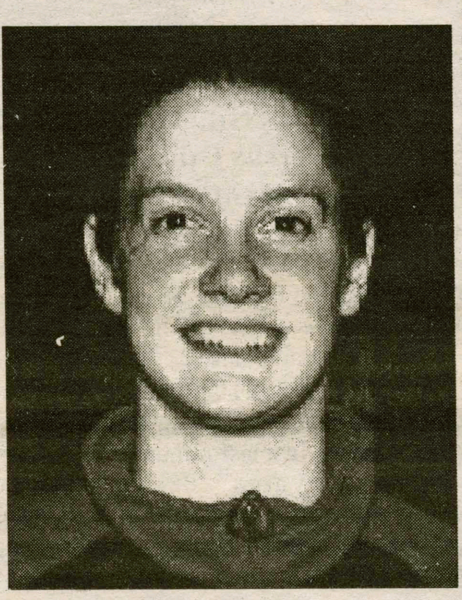
Tri-captain Gus Katsuris '06.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Jenny Orbaker '07.

TRACK AND FIELD

Hamilton track and field teams hosted Hartwick College in a non-scoring dual meet on Saturday, January 15. The Continentals recorded numerous wins versus the Hawks.

On the women's side, **Amanda Salisburg '08** set a school record in the pole vault with a 2.60 meter mark. In addition, **Jenny Orbaker '07** placed first in the high jump and shot put; **Kary Pardy '08** won the weight throw; **Adrienne Issac '05** captured first place in the triple jump; **Lauren Steates '06** finished first in the long jump; **Rachel Bennek '07** won the 400 meter dash; **Mara Dropkin-Frank '05** was the winner of the 800 meter event; **Amanda Von Schmid '08** led in the 55 meter contest; and **Kate Schirmer '05** captured a win the 3,000 meter event. The relay teams also finished first.

The men's team also found success last weekend versus Hartwick. **Claudius Zorokong '08** won the long jump and triple jump. **Olamide Harrison '05** won the 55-meter dash and the 200-meter event. In addition, **Allan Guiney '08** won the 1,500 meter; **Rich Schwam '06** captured first place in the 400 meter; **Jesse Gaylord '06** placed first in the 500-meter; **Tim Noyes '07** led in the 800 meter; **Chris Dunn '05** placed first in the 1,000 meter event. **Brook Wolcott '06** won the weight throw.

MEN'S DIVING

Diver **Mike Salmon '06** took part in a two-day competition at the University of Hawaii on January 9. The Diving Invitational included thirteen divers from seven schools, but Salmon was the only representative from a Division III school. Salmon has had a strong diving career at Hamilton; he finished first in his last six diving events, was named Liberty League Diver of the Meet in 2004, and is a two-time All-American.

Salmon finished fourth at the Invitational, with a score of 427.80 points. He narrowly missed a third place finish by .35 points. The top three divers advanced to the NCAA Zone Diving Meet.

LIBERTY LEAGUE WINNERS

Eight athletes were named to the Liberty League's weekly list of award winners: **Tsakani Ngobeni '07** (Men's basketball Forward of the Week); **Mike Salmon '06** (Diver of the Week); **Claudius Zorokong '08** (Men's track and field Rookie of the Week); **Amanda Salisburg '08** (Women's track and field Rookie of the Week); **Andrew Brooks '06** (Men's squash Performer of the Week); **Andrew Small '08** (Men's squash Rookie of the Week); **Casey Cook '07** (Women's squash Performer of the Week); and **Natalie Schwerin '08** (Women's squash Rookie of the Week).

Men's basketball gets ready for home games

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with the 77-71 victory. Jones finished with eleven points and Ngobeni added fifteen. The win was special for the former Clarkson players and staff, but no more important than any other league game.

The next day Hamilton went right back on the road and took on St. Lawrence. The St. Lawrence players came out of the gates primed for an upset, hitting on over 70 percent of their field goal attempts in the first half, including seven of thirteen three-point attempts. Hamilton went to halftime trailing by fourteen but stayed in the game by stepping up the defense and speeding up the offense. The Continentals shot lights out after the break, hitting 77 percent of their shots.

Five players finished in double figures, led by Jones who scored 23 points. Ngobeni chipped in with a strong eighteen, followed by Valenti who had 12, and Welchons and Chavleishvilli, both of whom scored eleven. Welchons continued his strong play running the point, finishing with six assists and a steal.

Hamilton pulled away down the stretch and won 91-78. Hamilton's 59 point second half was the highest scoring period of the season for the team.

Hamilton followed up the three league games with its annual game against Williams College, this year's contest being played on the road. Williams entered the game ranked 24 in the nation, also trying to find a team identity after graduating several key players from last year's team. However, Williams jumped all over Hamilton and sustained a solid effort, winning 76-50. The Continentals shot only 35 percent for the game and trailed 41-25 at the half. The Ephs lead only grew in the second half as Hamilton could not jump-start the offense. Despite the loss, Hamilton must focus on the all-important upcoming conference games.

Entering Tuesday's matchup with Williams, Hamilton had seven players averaging more than seven points per game, and eight players averaging double figures in minutes. The team entered the year worried about depth but a few early season surprises have allowed Hamilton to overcome that potential problem. Nick Jones leads the team in scoring at 15.3 points per game, followed by Ngobeni who averages 12.8. Jones has led the team in scoring in seven of the first twelve contests including six in a row at one point. No other players average double figures in points but Chavleishvilli, Peck, Evans, Valenti and Welchons all average better than seven points per game. Welchons leads the team with 40 assists in ten games, and Ngobeni leads the team in rebounding, pulling down nearly seven boards per game. Perhaps the biggest strength of the team is the 72 percent free throw percentage, one of the best in the league.

Hamilton will return to league play this weekend, taking on Union Friday night at 8:00 P.M. and Skidmore on Saturday at 4:00 P.M. The Continentals know that if they want to host the league tournament for the third straight season, they have to hold serve on their home court all year, and this will be the first test. If this team truly has stepped up its play, you won't want to miss the action this weekend in the Bundy Scott Field House.

Beat the Experts

Beat the Experts has no association with organized gambling on college or professional athletics. Each week, several games wil be chosen in which select editors will pick winners. Season records will be published with the weekly picks. Due to a lack of space, we will focus this week'spicks on the NFL Playoffs.

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Patriots at Steelers	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
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Women's hockey falls to undefeated Middlebury

By Matt Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

After a short holiday break, the Hamilton College Women's hockey team is back on the ice. The squad continued its schedule on January 14 with the first of two games against Middlebury. The team's third and most recent game was against Utica College on Tuesday, January 18 at the Sage Rink. Unfortunately, the Continentals have dropped their last three match-ups. All three losses however, were against very formidable opponents; Middlebury currently sits atop the rankings with a flawless record.

Hamilton dropped its January 14 game against Middlebury 2-9. While the team played extremely tough, it was simply outmatched by Middlebury. The Panthers picked up two goals early, giving Hamilton a 0-2 deficit in the first four minutes. Minutes later, however, Captain Zoe Baldwin '06 answered with the Continentals' first goal, cutting the deficit to only one. After another Middlebury score, the first period ended with a 3-1 score in the Panthers' favor.

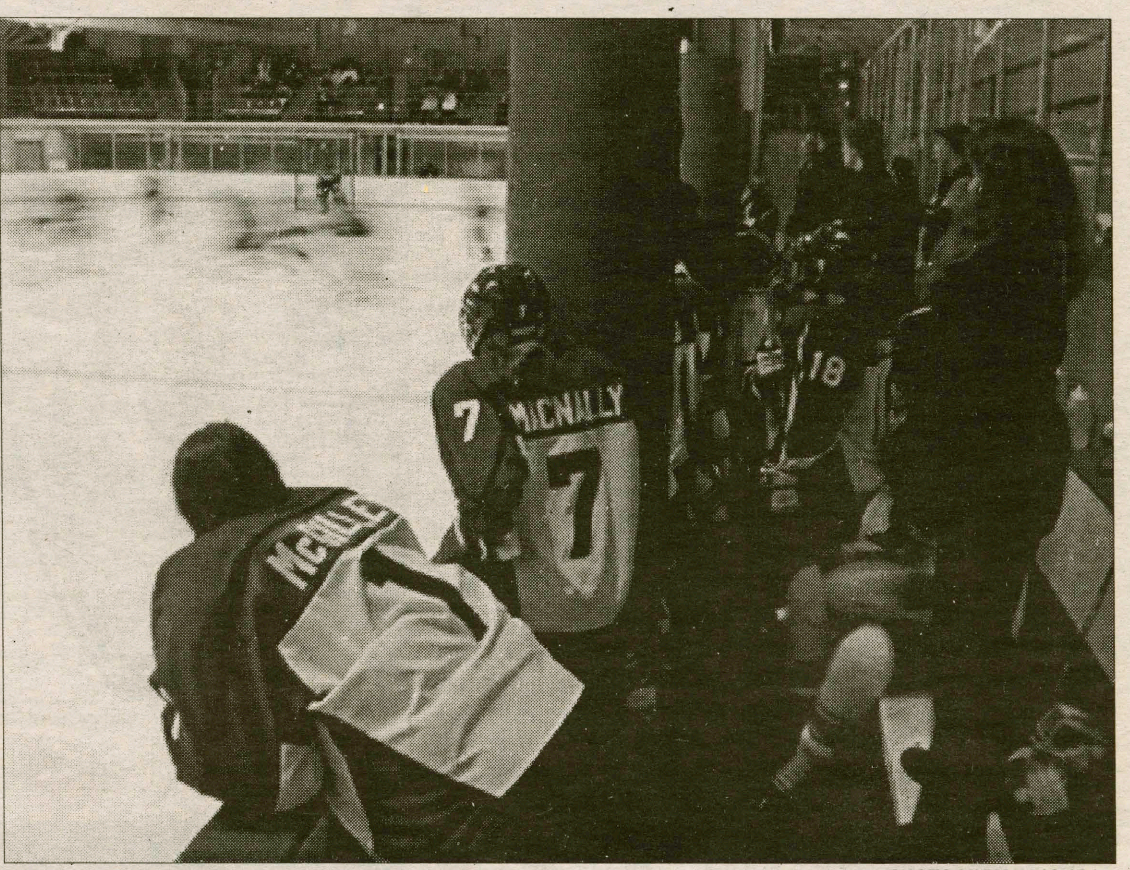
The second period was dominated by Middlebury's offensive precision. While Hamilton and Middlebury recorded eight and nine shots on goal respectively in the second period, the Continentals were not able to convert any of their shots into goals. Middlebury, on the other hand, fired in three unanswered goals in the second. The Continentals found themselves five goals back at the end of the second period.

In the final period of play, an exhausted Hamilton squad found itself struggling offensively. The Continentals only managed to attempt two shots on goal in the third period. Luckily however, one of the attempts turned out to be a successful goal by Baldwin. On the assist by Tierney Boisvert '07, Baldwin recorded Hamilton's second and final goal of the game. After two more knock-ins by the Panthers, the game ended in a 2-9 Hamilton loss.

"We are in the thick of the tough part of our season, but I think we are starting to play some good hockey, and we can get better."
– Captain Zoe Baldwin '06

The Continentals' second match-up against the Panthers came the following day on January 15. The outcome was very similar to that of the first game. Despite a valiant effort by the Hamilton squad, it dropped the game 1-8 against the dominant Middlebury team.

Middlebury started its offensive assault early and often. At the end of the second period, the score was 0-6 in Middlebury's favor. It was not until Marissa Halligan '05 knocked in her unassisted goal late in the third period that the Continentals picked up their only score. The game ended with an 8-1 Middlebury victory, dropping Hamilton to a 5-3 NESCAC record overall.



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Caitlin McGilley (1) and Colleen MacNally (7) look on during Tuesday's game versus Utica College. The Continentals will face the Williams College Ephs (6-6-1) this weekend.

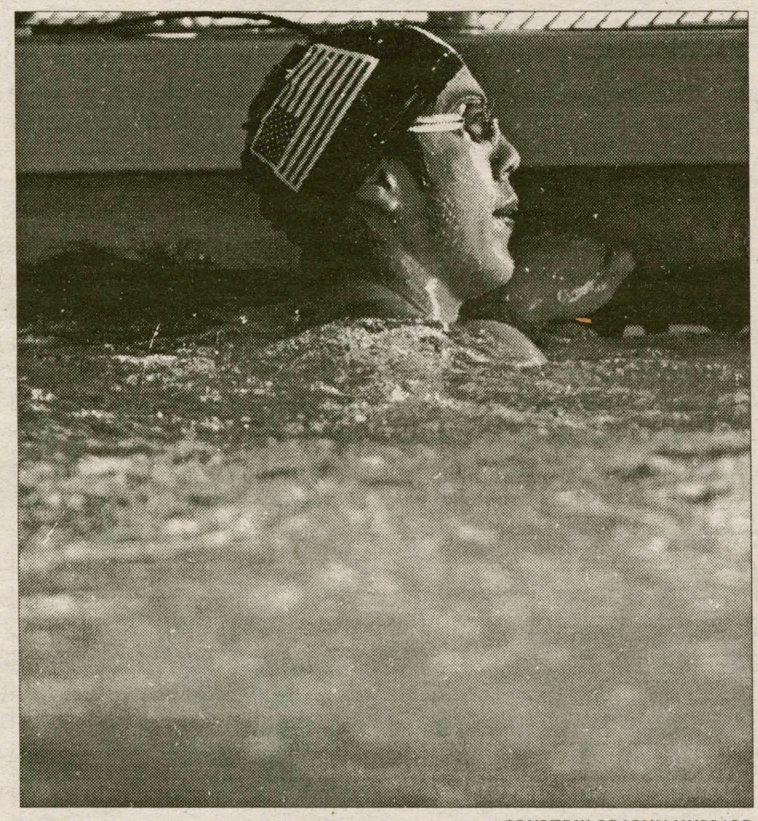
Hamilton's fourteen shots on goal in the first two periods, the squad was unable to convert any of them into goals.

Utica began the final period with a goal, increasing the lead to three. In a last-minute effort, Olivia Vargo '08 scored Hamilton's first and only goal on an assist from teammate Jane Bradley '06. Utica and Hamilton shared almost identical statistics for shots-on-goal. In the end however, Hamilton was not able to successfully convert enough of their scoring opportunities. The squad dropped the game 3-1 against Utica College, making it "We are in the thick of the tough part of our season," said Baldwin. "But I think we are starting to play some good hockey, and we can get better."

The Continentals' most recent game was this past Tuesday, January 18, against local rival Utica College. It was a defensive battle throughout most of the game. Both teams were unable to successfully convert goals on their numerous power play opportunities. Utica scored the game's first two goals. At the end of the second period, the Continentals found themselves in a 2-0 deficit. Regardless of the third straight loss since the holiday break.

The Continentals currently stand at 5-7-0 overall. They will be hosting the Eph's from William College beginning tonight, January 21. The NESCAC rivalry games will be important for Hamilton's hopes of making the playoffs. "We have picked up our play in the last few games against Middlebury and Utica," commented Baldwin on the team's progress. "This weekend we need to work hard but I think Williams should be a good test to see what we have picked up in our last few games."

Men's swimming and diving defeats Middlebury



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Hamilton will travel to Massachusetts on Saturday for a dual meet with Amherst College.

Continentals win 10 of 13 events against Panthers

By Katie Childs '08
SPORTS EDITOR

After ten days training in Hawaii during Winter Break, the Swimming and Diving teams returned to face the Middlebury College Panthers.

"We were able to take some time to really get in some quality volume in our training," said Head Coach T.J. Davis about the Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving teams trip to Hawaii. "The swimmers and divers did a double workout pretty much everyday and trained very hard."

The hard work paid off for the Men's team: they defeated Middlebury (3-2) on Saturday, January 15 during a dual meet with a 150-91 victory.

Aran Lawrence '05 captured first place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.65 seconds and led in the 100-yard freestyle with a 48.56 second finish. He also contributed to the 400-yard freestyle relay team, which placed first. Lawrence, along with Christian Warner '07, Ben Delia '05 and Andrew Fink '05, completed the relay in 3:16.55 minutes.

Hamilton beat Middlebury in ten of the thirteen events. Todd Johnson '08 placed first in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:01.74.

Delia took first place in the 500 free, winning in 4:56.97 minutes. Tim Reed '06 came in first in the 1000-yard freestyle; he finished in 10:12.21.

Andrew Saunders '05, Johnson, Tae Chung '05 and Fink completed their 400 medley relay in 3:34.61 minutes, edging out Middlebury by .21 seconds. Fink also had a close win over Middlebury in the 200 freestyle; he finished in 1:49.42 seconds, narrowly winning by .14 seconds.

Mike Salmon '06 continued his winning streak by capturing first place in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events. He scored 252.00 points in the 1-meter event and 338.63 points in the 3-meter event. Salmon has placed first in all six of us his diving events this season.

The Swimming and Diving team will take on Amherst on Saturday, January 22. "[Amherst is] perennially one of the nation's best teams and definitely will be a strong opponent," said Davis. "They finished 7th for the men at last year's NCAA championships."

Women's hoops edges out Clarkson

By Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team went into the winter recess with the wheels rolling full speed. They won their tip-off tourney in Maine hosted by Colby College. The team then went on to win three of their last five games sending them into the new year with a record of 5-2. The New Year did not bring cheer however for the women who dropped their first game of 2005 on the road against SUNY Oswego. The team then went on to lose to a very tough and always competitive Williams team. Hamilton did not want to begin league play coming off two losses but were faced with the task when they took on the women from Clarkson on the road. Hamilton knew the importance of the game and came to play, playing fierce all game and edging the women of Clarkson 59-56 at the end of 40 minutes. The following day the Hamilton ladies took on St. Lawrence and after a hard fought battle with Clarkson the night before, the women of Hamilton did not have enough to pull out another win, dropping the game to St. Lawrence by eight points. After the four games Hamilton returns from break with an overall record of 6-5 and a Liberty League record of 1-1.

The loss at Oswego was heart-breaking for the Continentals because they took a 40-23 lead into the locker room at the half. The lead was in part because of Hamilton's good shooting, 41% form the floor, and even more in part because of their dominating defense which allowed Oswego to only shoot 22% from the floor in the first half. The defense for Hamilton fell apart in the second half as the state school improved their shooting percentage to 67%. The Oswego offense poured in 58 points in the second half to Hamilton's 37, resulting in an 81-77 Oswego victory. Allie Massaro had her best game of the year, coming off the bench for the Continentals to score 22 points while grabbing six rebounds. Melissa Steppe also contributed 12 points of the bench while Pumla Sathula registered a double-double, finishing with 10 points and 11 boards. Steppe was named the co-rookie of the week in the conference for her great play in the tough loss for the Continentals.

Hamilton was slated to take on Williams College in their first home game of 2005. Williams had won the last twelve meeting between the two teams and had a record of 5-1 on the road this season. Hamilton did not let these figures scare them as they came out firing in the first half. There was a lot of offense for both teams and after 20 minutes, Williams was up just four points, 42-38.

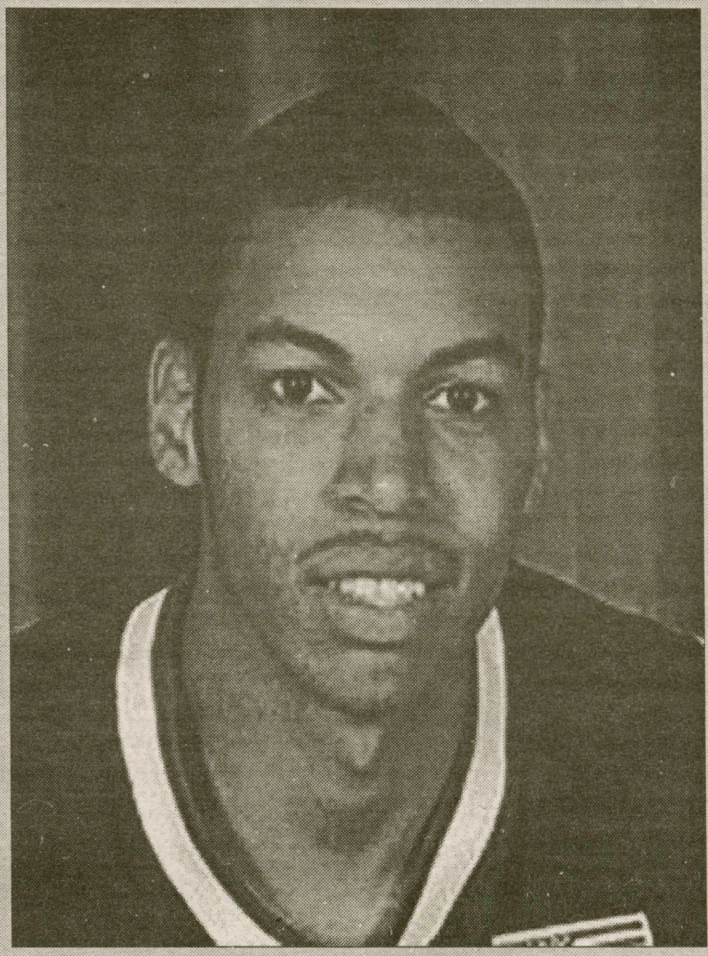
Hamilton's offense did not fare as well in the second half, shooting just 30% on route to an 83-66 loss. Hamilton got another strong performance from Melissa Steppe who was making her first collegiate start replacing Alicia Giglio who is going abroad. Steppe finished with 12 points and five rebounds. Pumla Sathula continued her strong play despite being only a freshman, leading all Continentals with 13 points and eight rebounds. Erin Daugherty was the only player in double figures, finishing with 10 points, including two three pointers.

Hamilton traveled North to kick off their league season taking on Clarkson on Friday night and then making the short trip to St. Lawrence for a Saturday afternoon match-up. Hamilton trailed 26-25 at the half, but came out hot in the second half allowing them to pull out a 59-56 win in a game which saw the score tied seven times and 10 lead changes. Hamilton forced 26 turnovers and held Clarkson to 37% from the floor. Allie Massaro hit three free throws in the final seconds to seal the victory for the ladies of Hamilton. Co-captain Erin Daugherty led all Continentals in scoring with 12 points, including two three pointers for the second game in a row. Pumla Sathula finished with 11 points and five rebounds, while co-captain Tricia Czeski did it all for the Continentals, finishing with nine points, four steals and three assists. In her third start for the Continentals, Melissa Steppe finished with 11 points for her third game in a row with double digit scoring.

After a big win against Clarkson, the Hamilton women seemed to leave their shot on the bus the following afternoon at St. Lawrence. Hamilton shot a season worst 24% from the floor and were never in the game in the second half. St. Lawrence went on to win 63-55, dropping the Continentals to 1-1 in league play. Tricia Czeski and Pumla Sathula were two Continentals who shined in the defeat. Czeski scored 16 points, had five steals and pulled down six rebounds. Sathula did not shoot well from the floor but finished with 15 points after making nine out of 10 free throws.

At 1-1 in the Liberty League, Hamilton had a week off to get ready for the upcoming weekend in which they will open up their league play on the hill. Friday the Continentals take on a tough Union team who is on top of the standing with a 3-0 record in league play and a 9-3 record on the season. Saturday the Continentals will match-up against the women from Skidmore who are 1-2 in league games and only 5-7 overall. Both games are very important for Hamilton because the Liberty League is always very competitive and only the top four teams make the post season.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
Nick Jones '07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By Sara Bryant '08
SPORTS WRITER

Nick Jones, a sophomore stand out basketball player, has made a strong mark in Hamilton Athletics within only four months of arriving. Standing six feet, six inches tall, Nick comes to Hamilton this year as a transfer from Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. It seems that they got the short straw.

After only a couple months into the season, Nick has already made his mark. Nick is an all around amazing basketball player. Not only will Nick play any position he is needed in, he will play that position well, a quality not easy to find.

This year, The Continentals are a very young and talented team and will only be losing one senior. Nick feels that this shows a promising future for the men's basketball program and knows that they are "talented enough to overcome losses and be a great team."

Nick sees the team's game last Saturday against St. Lawrence as one of the most satisfactory moments this season. Going into halftime, the team was down by 14 points, but that did not drag the intensity of the game down at all. The Continentals were able make a miraculous comeback and take the victory. From this game, Nick feels that it was the most important moment of the season because they "showed that [they] can overcome adversity and in that game, every player played and had a big part in getting [them] that win."

However, all of the team's victory does not come with out work. During the season, the basketball team undergoes rigorous practices everyday, excluding game days and Sundays. Judging by the team's improvement, we can see that all of the practice sure does pay off.

Nick has a long history of basketball in his family. Inspired by his father, a former player at Notre Dame and then for Dallas, Memphis and San Antonio professional teams, Nick began to love the sport at only six years old. Both he and his older brother have matured into amazing basketball players and continue to succeed in the sport.

Off of the basketball court, Nick has always looked to his mother for inspiration. Despite her struggle to fight cancer she was able to be a huge part of Nick and his siblings' lives. Her strength and drive have motivated Nick his entire life and keep him reaching for the top.

Here at Hamilton College Nick is a Communications/Educational Studies major. There is no mistaking Nick's bright personality and smile and his desire to always have a good time. Nick could not be happier with his choice to come to Hamilton because not only is it a great fit for him, he has also made a lot of great friends. As for the weather, now that's another story.

In his future, Nick is still not sure what career path he will travel, but is sure that it will be challenging and fun. Nick hopes to be able to travel around the world and visit all seven continents. He is thinking twice about a trip to Antarctica after experiencing Central New York.

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Women's Baskteball VS. Union 6:00 PM
Women's Hockey VS. Williams 7:00 PM
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Saturday, January 22
Women's Hockey VS. Williams 1:00 PM
Women's Basketball VS. Skidmore 2:00 PM
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Men's Hockey VS. Castleton State 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 23
Men's Indoor Track and Field 12:00 PM
Women's Indoor Track and Field 12:00 PM

Tuesday, January 25
Men's Hockey VS. Elmira College 7:00 PM

Friday, January 28
Women's Hockey VS. Bowdoin 7:00 PM

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Men's basketball shaping up

By Mike Proia '05
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The men's basketball team may have finally turned the corner to be on its way to playing great basketball. After struggling to find consistency during the first half of the year, the team has opened play in the Liberty League winning two of its first three games, all on the road. The players are gaining confidence with every passing game, and more importantly, are getting healthier. Tim Welchons '06 has returned to form after fighting off numerous injuries and illnesses in the early going. His play has been the spark in the now high-powered Hamilton offense.

The Continentals dropped the first league game of the season to Hobart 74-63. The game went to the half tied at 28, with both teams shooting just over 40 percent from the field, but Hamilton could not sustain the effort on the road for a full 40 minutes. The Hobart attack heated up from the field down the stretch and the team managed to sink seventeen of twenty-four second half free throw attempts. Hamilton shot only 38 percent from the field and nine of eleven from the line. The lone bright spot in the upset was the play of Tsakane Ngobeni '07, who scored 29 points and secured eight rebounds, and Giorgi Chavleishvilli '08 who pulled down a game high nine rebounds and added nine points.

Hamilton went right back at it on the road just days later, when the team traveled to Clarkson. The game was something of a homecoming for the Hamilton coaching staff as well as transfers Nick Jones '07 and Phil Valenti '06. Looking for an offensive boost head coach Tobin Anderson inserted Mike Evans '05 and Welchons into the starting line-up and both responded with season highs in scoring. Evans poured in eighteen points, all on three-point field goals as Mikey "three-point" hit six of eleven from behind the arc. Welchons scored a game high 21 points and dished out seven assists to help his teammates get going.

The Continentals trailed at halftime by two points, but capitalized on hot perimeter shooting in the second half and came away

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The Women's swimming and diving hosted Middlebury College on January 15. The Continentals recorded first place finishes in the 200-yard breaststroke and the 400-yard relay medley.

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The Men's basketball team took to the rode over Winter Break to compete against Hobart, Clarkson, and St. Lawrence.

Women's swimming and diving looks towards Amherst

By Katie Childs '08
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The Continentals hosted Middlebury College at their first home meet of the new year on Saturday, January 15, at Bristol Pool.

The Women's Swimming and Diving team fell to Middlebury despite strong performances by Brittany Achin '05 and the 400-yard medley relay team.

Middlebury (4-1) has been strong competition for the swimming team; the Continentals have lost in dual meets with the Panthers for five straight years.

Achin had a solid win in the 200-yard breaststroke, finishing with a time of 2:26.41 minutes. The second place finisher trailed Achin by five seconds.

In addition, Achin was a member of the first place 400-yard medley relay team. Achin, Bevin Kenny '07, Nicole Knapp '05, and Sam Pitter '07 won the event in 4:07.46 minutes.

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--Head Coach T.J. Davis, on the 400-yard medley relay

Pitter placed second in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.91 seconds and 100-yard freestyle, finishing in 56.29 seconds.

Knapp captured second place in the 200-yard individual medley with a 2:15.84 finish, as well the 200 butterfly, which she finished in 2:10.75 minutes.

Emily Clinkhammer '06 took second place in both the 1-meter and the 3-meter diving events; her scores of 270.45 points and 283.43 points respectively made NCAA Championship first cuts.

The Swimming and Diving team will travel to Massachusetts on Saturday, January 22 to take on Amherst College, which placed 8th at last year's NCAA Championships.

"We have traditionally done a good job with that team," said Davis. "There is no doubt that they have tremendously talented athletes; our women have never been in a position to back down from anyone and we don't plan to this weekend."